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# 229th Annual Report



**CORNISH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
March 1996

# NOTICE

*Please Read*

## TO DOG OWNERS:

- \* All dogs over three months of age must be registered by May 1st.
- \* Legal rates : males and females \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, and spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65 \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- \* Rabies certificates required for registration.
- \* **Failure to register makes owners liable for a \$15.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1st. It's the law!**
- \* Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the state statutes RSA:466. The penalties are severe.
- \* **Rabies Clinic** will be on April 6, 1996, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Please have your dog/cat on a leash or in a carrier. Dog licenses will be available. The veterinarian will be Ginny Prince, D.V.M.

## TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- \* The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15 not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

## TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:

- \* The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

## TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- \* RSA 438-A A Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

*Your cooperation in the above matters will save time and money for you and cut costs of town government.— The Selectmen*

### ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

FIRE — 675-2221

POLICE — 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESQUE SQUAD — 675-2221

SELECTMEN — 675-5611

TOWN CLERK — 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR — 675-5221

FAX -- 675-5605

**229th**  
**Annual Report**  
of the  
**Selectmen**  
and other  
**Town Officers**



**CORNISH**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Year Ending December 31, 1995**

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In September Chief Michael Monette and Ass't Chief Dale Rook presented Andy Kuhre with a certificate for having served as a volunteer with the Cornish Fire Department for 50 years.

Photo by Ruth Rollins

# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### **Town Clerk - 3 years**

Reigh Rock (1998)  
Anne M. Hier, Deputy

### **Town Treasurer - 1 year**

William Caterino  
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

### **Moderator - 2 years**

Peter H. Burling (1996)

### **Selectmen - 3 years**

John M. White Jr. (1996)  
Stuart A. Hodgeman (1997)  
Robert F. Maslan (1998)

### **Tax Collector - 1 year**

Janet Tracy McFaul  
Audrey Jacquier, Deputy

### **Supervisors of Checklist - 6 years**

Leland E. Atwood (1996)  
Robin Monette (1998)  
Ruth G. Rollins (2000)

### **Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years**

Barbara Rawson (1996)  
Elizabeth Caterino (1997)  
Shirley Sullivan (1998)

### **Trustees of George H. Stowell Library -**

3 years

Pamela Gendron (1996)  
Bernice F. Johnson (1997)  
Kathryn H. Patterson (1998)

### **Overseer of Welfare - 1 year**

Martha Zoerheide  
Connie Kousman, Assistant  
Judy Kaufman, Assistant

### **Highway Agent - 1 year**

Albert Earle

### **Sexton - 1 year**

John J. Rock

### **Fence Viewers - 1 year**

Alan Penfold  
Anne and Fritz Hier

Leo Maslan  
Fred Sullivan

### **Surveyors of Wood, Bark, and Lumber - 1 year**

Orville Fitch	Reyer Jaarsma
Leo Maslan	James Neil
Robin Waterman	Fred Weld

### **Hog Reeves - 1 year**

Chuck DeAngelis  
Wayne and Tammy Gray  
Frank and Lori Parks

### **Representatives to the General Court - 2 years**

Merle Schotanus, Grantham (1996)  
Sandy Stettenheim, Meriden (1996)

### **New Hampshire Executive Council - 2 years**

Raymond S. Burton (1996)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### **Police Officers - By Selectmen**

Phillip Osgood, Chief  
Robert Webb  
Scott Morse  
Mike Yacano

### **Librarian - By Trustees of the Library**

Katherine Freeland

### **Fire Chief - By Selectmen**

Michael Monette

### **Planning Board - By Selectmen - 3 years**

John J. Rock (1996)  
Kathi Osterlund (1996)  
Peter C. Storrs, Recording Sec (1997)  
Anne M. Hier, Secretary (1997)  
John Hammond, Vice Chair (1998)  
Robert F. Maslan, for Selectmen  
J. Cheston Newbold, Chairman (1998)  
Lee Baker, Alternate (1997)  
Brian Meyeette, Alternate (1996)  
Larry Dingee, Alternate (1998)

# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment - By Moderator** - 3 years

Karim Chichakly, Chairman (1996)  
Keith Beardslee (1997)  
Eric Webb, Clerk (1998)  
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (1998)  
David Wood, Alternate  
William S. Balch, Alternate

## **Conservation Commission - By Selectmen - 3** years

Herrika W. Poor, Chairman (1996)  
Don Snowdon (1997)  
Rae Ann Melloh (1997)  
Brian Meyette (1998)  
Mariet Jaarsma (1998)  
Michael M. Yatsevitch (1997)  
John White, for Selectmen  
Nancy Newbold (1997)  
Richard Gasset (1998)  
Leo Maslan, Alternate (1996)  
Peter Lynch, Alternate (1996)

## **Solid Waste Representatives - By Selectmen - 3** years

William Gallagher (1997)  
Donna Blizzard, Alternate (1997)

## **Historic District Commission - By Select-** men - 3 years

Caroline Storrs (1995)  
Nancy Newbold (1996)  
Tony Neidecker (1996)  
John White, for Selectmen  
John Dryfhout, Alternate (1995)  
Jenny Schad, Alternate (1996)  
David Monette, Alternate (1996)

## **Recreation Committee - By Selectmen**

Paul Queneau  
Audrey Jacquier

## **Finance Committee - by Moderator - 3 years**

Alan Penfold (1997)  
Wilbur Overman (1997)  
William Caterino (1998)  
John Collins, Chairman (1997)  
Harold Morse (1997)  
Bradford Churchill (1997)

## **Cornish Recycling Committee**

Donna Bleazard	Leigh Callahan
Connie Kousman	Barbara Atherton
Nancy Wightman	Janice Orion
Rev Wightman	Pat Pinkson-Burke
Richard Thompson	Paul Atherton

## **Capital Equipment Committee- By Selectmen**

Peter Lynch	Larry Duval
Larry Dingee (Chairman)	Milt Jewell
Don MacLeay	

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional**

### **Planning Commission- By Selectmen**

J. Cheston Newbold	Anne M. Hier Alt.
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## **Records Preservation Committee - By** Selectmen

Michael Yatsevitch	MayBelle Rock
Hannah Schad	Bernice Johnson, Chair

## **River Commission - By Selectmen**

J. Cheston Newbold

## **Overseer of Covered Bridges - By Selectmen**

Leo Maslan

## **Emergency Management Civil Defense**

**Director - By Selectmen** Robert Maslan

## **New Town Office Grounds Cttee - By**

Selectmen

Don Snowden, Chair	Leo Maslan
Jim Osterlund	Jack Rock
Ellen Ballard	Polly Monette

## **New Highway Garage Cttee- By Selectmen**

Gerald Baillargeon	James Neil
Albert Earle	Cheston Newbold
Jerry Esty	Alan Penfold
Mike Monette	Tom Spaulding

## **Selectmen's Special Agent - By Selectmen**

Stuart Hodgeman

## **Auditors - By Selectmen**

Plodzik and Sanderson

## APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

## **Health Officer - Teresa Masters**

Jenny Schad, Asst

## **Forest Fire Warden - Michael Monette**

### **Forest Fire Deputy Wardens**

Leo Maslan	Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee	David Kibbie
David Wood	Bob Rice
Chuck Sullivan	

## **Ballot Clerks - By respective parties - 2 years**

Marion Stone (R)	Paul Rollins (R)
Polly Monette (D)	Sally Budlong (D)



# 1996 WARRANT

## The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 12th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

**Articles 1 and 2** of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 3 through 17** will be acted upon at that time.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**Article 2:** To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following questions on the Cornish Zoning Ordinance, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.

**Question 1:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Article II, "Definitions", a definition of "General Store", and add to Article IV Use Regulations and General Provisions relating to a general store. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Question 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Use Regulations and General Provisions relating to Cottage Industry. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Question 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add to Article II, "Definitions", a definition of "Expanded Cottage Industry", and add to Article IV Use Regulations and General Provisions relating to Expanded Cottage Industry. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.



**Article 3:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a)	Town Office	42,500
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	4,400
(c)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(d)	Revaluation of Property	3,000
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000
(f)	Planning Board	1,000
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(h)	Grounds	2,550
(i)	General Government Buildings	15,950
(j)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	20,000
(k)	Insurance (Excluding medical)	33,000
(l)	Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC)	1,543
(m)	Town Records Preservation	3,000
(n)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(o)	Police Department	56,069
(p)	Rescue Squad	4,875
(q)	Ambulance	14,000
(r)	Fire Department	29,075
(s)	Emergency Management	2,450
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(u)	Recycling	1,500
(v)	Health Services	7,472
(w)	General Assistance	2,500
(x)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(y)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z)	Conservation Commission Expenses	550
(z1)	Principal - Long Term Debt	32,800
(z2)	Interest - Long Term Debt	6,720
(z3)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000
(z4)	Public Library Fund	8,270
(z5)	Conservation Commission Fund	3,000
(z6)	Highway New Heavy Equip. Capital Reserve Fund	35,000
(z7)	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	13,000
(z8)	Police Department New Police Cruiser	
	Capital Reserve Fund	4,000
(z9)	Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000
(z10)	Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000
(z11)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,891 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$222,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$75,288 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$22,733 to be withdrawn from the New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new police cruiser and related radio and emergency equipment. Any funds remaining from the sale of the present cruiser to be deposited in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve fund.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for a numbering and lettering machine and materials to make road signs.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,000 to participate in an Upper Valley household hazardous waste recycle program.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$66,230 to be withdrawn from the New Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a Town Highway Truck . Any funds remaining from the sale of the present truck to be deposited in the New Heavy Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$3900 to lease computer software for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the replacement of the Coffin Shop Bridge and to accept and expend the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program Grant in the amount of \$112,000 to offset the cost of this project. The amount to be raised through taxation is \$28,000.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish a committee to be named the *New Highway Garage Facility Committee* and to appoint its members, its charge to be the presentation to the 1997 Town Meeting of both a biddable set of plans and a funding proposal for construction of a new Highway Garage facility; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to fund the activities of said committee. The selectmen strongly recommend this article.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the term of the Town Highway Agent position from one (1) year to three (3) years, beginning with the term of the Highway Agent to be elected at next year's regular Town Meeting. (To be voted on by paper ballot.)

**Article 13:** Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled as described in RSA 72:37-b: The exemption, based on assessed values, for qualified taxpayers shall be \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, indefinitely, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a.

**Article 16:** To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

**Article 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety six .

John M. White

Stuart A. Hodgeman

Robert F. Maslan  
*True Copy Attest*

*John M. White*  
John M. White  
*Stuart A. Hodgeman*  
Stuart A. Hodgeman  
*Robert F. Maslan*  
Robert F. Maslan  
Selectmen of Cornish



**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF  
CORNISH TOWN MEETING**

**March 14, 1995**

(A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Town Clerk's Office)

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 14th of March 1995. Peter Burling, Moderator of The Town Of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. This article was voted on by the towns people throughout the day. The results were as follows:

**Selectman for 3 years:** Robert Maslan - 229 votes, Philip (Joe) Osgood, Sr. - 110 votes, Connie Kousman - 2 votes, William Gallagher - 4 votes, Bruce Tracy - 3 votes, Suzanne Lupien - 1 vote, Jim Lukash - 1 vote, Dale Rook - 1 vote, Cheston Newbold - 1 vote, Dale Shafman - 1 vote, John Rand - 1 vote and Ellen Ballard - 1 vote. **Robert Maslan was declared winner.**

**Town Treasurer for 1 year:** William F. Caterino, Jr. - 334 votes, Sherrie Morse - 1 vote and Jim Fitch - 1 vote. **William F. Caterino was declared winner.**

**Tax Collector for 1 year:** Janet M. McFaul - 342 votes, Ray Richardson - 1 vote, and Casey Jones - 1 vote. **Janet M. McFaul was declared winner.**

**Trustee of Library for 3 years:** Kathryn Patterson - 333 votes, Nancy Newbold - 3 votes, Martha Tracy - 1 vote, Mary Boyle - 1 vote, Susan Weld - 1 vote, Pru Dennis - 1 vote and Nancy Wightman - 1 vote. **Kathryn Patterson was declared winner.**

**Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year:** Shirley Sullivan - 336 votes, and Milt Jewell - 1 vote. **Shirley Sullivan was declared winner.**

**Overseer of Welfare for 1 year:** Martha Zoerheide - 333 votes, Kay Kibbie - 2 votes, Shirley Lindsey - 1 vote and Eugene Hopper - 1 vote. **Martha Zoerheide was declared winner.**

**Highway Agent for 1 year:** Albert F. Earle - 220 votes, Harold Morse - 102 votes, Chuck DeAngelis - 9 votes, Cecil LeClair - 1 vote, Jim Fitch - 1 vote, Tom Spaulding - 1 vote, Robert Maslan - 1 vote, Bruce Tracey - 1 vote, Doug D'Amenti - 1 vote and Jerry Baillageron - 1 vote. **Albert F. Earle was declared winner.**

**Sexton for 1 year:** John J. Rock - 336 votes and William Ladd - 1 vote. **John J. Rock was declared winner.**

**Town Clerk for 3 years:** Reigh H. Rock - 335 votes, Janet McFaul - 1 vote, Anne Hier - 1 vote, Sherrie Bulkley - 1 vote, Susan Merrill - 1 vote, Danielle Niely - 1 vote and Bernice Johnson - 1 vote. **Reigh H. Rock was declared winner.**

**Article 2:** To see what action the Town will take with regard to the following questions on the Cornish Zoning Ordinance, said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.

**Question 1:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows: For purposes of qualifying for FEMA Flood Insurance for the Town, the definition of "recreational vehicles" is added, the definition of "manufactured housing" is changed by reducing the minimum size from 450 to 400 square feet, and recreational vehicles are permitted to be placed on the Flood Plain for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, so long as they are fully licensed. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. **Results: Yes = 257      No = 78**

**Question 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed



by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Creating a definition of "cemeteries" and establishing criteria for the location of cemeteries. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. **Results:**  
**Yes = 288      No = 64**

**Question 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Adding to the definitions section of the Zoning Ordinance definitions of the terms "fuel" and "oil" and making miscellaneous changes in the Zoning Ordinance where those terms appear in the Ordinance. This amendment is submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board. **Results:    Yes = 267      No = 64**

**Article 3:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

(a)	Town Office	43,500
(b)	Vital Statistics	100
(c)	Election & Registration	2,200
(d)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(e)	Revaluation of Property	3,000
(f)	Legal Expenses	7,500
(g)	Planning Board	1,000
(h)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(i)	Grounds	2,550
(j)	General Government Buildings	10,950
(k)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	18,350
(l)	Insurance	33,000
(m)	Adv & Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC)	1,543
(n)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(o)	Police Department	54,508
(p)	Rescue Squad	4,875
(q)	Ambulance	14,400
(r)	Fire Department	27,825
(s)	Emergency Management	50
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(u)	Recycling	1,500
(v)	Health Services	7,272
(w)	General Assistance	2,500
(x)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(y)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z)	Conservation Commission Expenses	525
(z1)	Principal - Long Term Debt	32,800
(z2)	Interest - Long Term Debt	7,722
(z3)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000
(z4)	Interest - Bond Anticipation Notes	603
(z5)	Public Library Fund	8,403
(z6)	Conservation Commission Fund	3,000
(z7)	Highway New Heavy Equip. Capital Reserve Fund	15,000
(z8)	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	13,000
(z9)	Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	3,000
(z10)	Appraisal Reserve Fund	3,000
(z12)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

(a) through (z8) and (z10) through (z11) were voted on in the affirmative. Article (z9) was amended to \$4,000 and voted on by showing of hands - 80 yes and 15 no.

**Article 4:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,075 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$175,926 shall be raised by taxes for maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$74,149 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,764 for the purchase of a new police cruiser and related radio and emergency equipment. The sum of \$15,399 to be withdrawn from the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining amount of \$5,365 to be raised and appropriated by 1995 taxes. Any funds remaining from the sale of the present cruiser to be deposited in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Dube. Joe Osgood **amended** the main motion to read the same except the sum of \$20,764 be changed to read \$23,744 for a Chevrolet and the amount of \$5,365 be changed to read \$8,345. The reason for this was because the Ford cruiser that was going to be ordered was no longer being made. Joe's recommendation was to wait to purchase a new cruiser. Alan Penfold seconded the motion. **Voted on in the negative.**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing and reconstructing Town Bridges and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for this purpose and to further move to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The motion was seconded by John White. Greg Levesque moved to **amend** the motion to delete everything after the word "purpose" which would remove "and to further move to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend". **The motion to amend was voted on in the affirmative.**

After a break, Rickie Poor presented the Conservation Commission Award to Lolly and Danny Hilliard.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500 for the purpose of microfilming and preserving old town records. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to participate in an Upper Valley household hazardous waste recycle program. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town vote to accept the Social Security Administration ruling to increase the Social Security (FICA) and Medicare exclusion for election workers from \$100 per year to \$1000 per year. (Directed by the State). **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000 for the purpose of perambulation and survey of town boundaries. **By a standing vote of Yes - 74 to No - 28 was voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5205 to reimburse the firefighter's association for half the cost of the 4-inch diameter water hose purchased for the fire department. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town vote to make the Road Agent position to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This is to take effect as of March 14, 1995. (By petition)

Polly Rand moved to **amend** the main motion to read that it would be effective Town Meeting day of March 1996. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and was voted on in the affirmative. The **amended motion was voted on in the negative.**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town vote to accept and continue with the existing organizational structure of the Cornish Fire Department as the town's municipal fire department. The purpose of this article is to satisfy the requirements of RSA 154 as indicated in RSA 154:1(a) and RSA 154:1-a, with the Fire Chief appointed by the selectmen and the firefighters appointed by the Fire Chief, and with all fire department property and equipment being owned by the town. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to designate that the first \$2000 and 50% of any amount in excess of \$2000 of the Change of Use Tax be deposited into the Conservation fund. This represents a change from 25% of the Change of Use Tax fund deposited in the Conservation Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen) **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 15:** To see if the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,500 to install fire detection systems on the Dingleton Hill Covered Bridge (NH Cover Bridge #22) and the Blow-Me-Down Covered Bridge (NH Covered Bridge #23). The sum of \$5900 (20%) shall be raised by taxes and the balance of \$23,600 (80%) to be received from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation. (Recommended by the Selectmen) **Voted on in the negative.**

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to purchase the Eastman property on Town House Road (Map 61, Lot 53) which abuts the new town office. The sum of \$5000 (10%) to be raised by taxes and the remaining portion (90%) to be raised by private funding and Conservation Commission Funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen) John White moved to **amend** the main motion to read to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to contribute to the purchase of the Eastman property on Townhouse Road, Map 6, Lot 53 (Map 61 being a misprint) which abuts the new town offices. The remaining \$25,000 to be raised by private funding with the support from the Conservation Commission at the ratio of \$10 for every \$100 from private donations. Any funds raised in excess of \$25,000 will be used to reduce the town's tax burden. Peter Lynch seconded the motion. Alan Penfold stated that he would like to **amend** to insert \$50,000 into the wording of the amended motion so that it would read to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to purchase the Eastman property on Townhouse road, Map 6, Lot 53 which abuts the new town office. Up to \$25,000 to be raised by taxes by the town and the balance to be raised by private funds and Conservation Commission funds to be contributed at a ratio of \$10 for every \$100 of private donations. Stuart Hodgeman seconded the motion. After a long discussion it was **voted on in the negative.** Back to the main motion. Bill Lewis wanted to add to the end of that **amendment** " that no sums to be expended prior to the receipt of a professional appraisal". **Voted on in the negative.** Back to the main motion as it appears on the warrant. **Voted on in the negative.** A voter challenged Moderator Burling's decision and a **standing vote** was taken. The final count was Yes - 58 No - 64. The vote being in the **negative.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, indefinitely, until rescinded, to convey any real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed. Such a conveyance shall be by deed following a public auction, or the property may be sold by advertised sealed bids, or may be otherwise disposed of as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:42. **Voted on in the affirmative.**



**Article 19:** Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that the Town, at an annual meeting, may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific recision of such authority, the Selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 21:** To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

**Article 22:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting..  
**Surveyors of Wood Bark and Lumber for one year :** Orville Fitch, Leo Maslan, Robin Waterman, Reyer Jaarsma, James Neil and Fred Weld. **Hog Reeves for one year:** Chuck DeAngelis, Wayne and Tammy Gray and Frank and Lori Parks.  
**Fence Viewers for one year:** Fred Sullivan, Alan Penfold, Leo Maslan and Fritz and Anne Hier. All were **voted on in the affirmative.** Stuart Hodgeman stated that the Historical Society would like the old Town office building so that it may be utilized. He then asked for comments on the Flag Pole at the new Town Office. Polly Rand stated that she would like to see it go. It was then **voted on in the affirmative to dismantle the flag pole.** A comment was made regarding the new street light at the new Town office and they would like to see a Cornish street light. Fred Sullivan inquired about a sign for the new Town office. Stuart Hodgeman stated that Polly Monette has plans regarding this and dollars to follow. Stuart also noted that a bulletin board was needed for posting things regarding the Town. In regards to the light, he stated that the light that was there cast light no further than the steps and concern for liability and physical danger to people in the parking lot. He mentioned that the Conservation Commission had mentioned a more subdued light in the future and it will be addressed. Pru Dennis stated that the Annual Report was great thanks to the efforts of Anne Hier and Alan Penfold. Moderator Burling said that two people "passed on" this year that gave him more knowledge about Town Meeting than any other people he had met. They were Clara Weld and Jim Mackintosh. Jim Mackintosh was the Moderator that trained him and he was a gentleman of the highest order, kind, thoughtful and some might say extravagant who loved Town Meeting as one of the greatest joys of life. He also stated that Clara had made the last 20 years of his service of a Town official more fun. She could make any public event a joy and he misses her a lot.

**Article 23:** Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town, at an annual meeting, may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific recision of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from State, Federal or other governmental unit, or private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. **Voted on in the affirmative.**

Motion to close the business portion of the meeting was made at 4:50 pm and voting continued until 7:00 pm.



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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION*

To the Members of  
the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Cornish  
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1994, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1B, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Cornish as of December 31, 1994, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Plodzick & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

April 4, 1995

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS*

To the Members of  
the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Cornish  
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Cornish for the year ended December 31, 1994, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork. An area discussed included the automation of Tax Collector and Town Clerk records.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

April 4, 1995

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**1996 BUDGET**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Revenues**

	1995 Estimate	1995 Actual	1995 + (-)	1996 Estimate	Estimate + (-)
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	294	(706)	1,000	0
Yield Taxes	10,000	16,439	6,439	10,000	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	106	101	(5)	101	(5)
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	25,000	25,458	458	25,000	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	110,000	133,395	23,395	110,000	0
Building Permits	100	530	430	100	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,500	2,355	855	1,500	0
Miscellaneous Town Clerk Fees	1,400	0	(1,400)	0	(1,400)
Other Permits and Fees	300	547	247	300	0
<b>STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>					
Shared Revenue	20,100	24,038	3,938	24,038	3,938
Highway Block Grant	74,149	74,496	347	75,288	1,139
Railroad Tax & Other	916	916	0	916	0
Bridge Aid				112,000	112,000
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
Zoning Board Fees	100	171	71	100	0
Planning Board Fees	300	1,394	1,094	300	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	85	66	(19)	85	0
Burial Fees	1,500	2,650	1,150	1,500	0
Highway Department Income	50	1,278	1,228	50	0
Police Department Income	6,870	7,211	341	6,870	0
Fire Department Income	200	1,626	1,426	200	0
Recycling Income	200	641	441	200	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	7,000	6,520	(480)	7,000	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</b>					
Sale of Town Property	0	405	405	0	0
Insurance Dividends	0	16,956	16,956	0	0
Donations-Town Office	1,389	920	(469)	0	(1,389)
Rental of Town Property	600	875	275	600	0
Interest on Investments	2,000	8,755	6,755	4,000	2,000
Other Sources	1,800	3,530	1,730	1,000	(800)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
Trust & Special Revenue Funds	3,650	4,108	458	4,725	1,075
Capital Reserve Funds				87,733	87,733
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Use of Fund Balance	40,522	40,522	0	39,520	(1,002)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>310,837</b>	<b>376,197</b>	<b>65,360</b>	<b>514,126</b>	<b>203,289</b>

Source: MS-4

**1996 BUDGET**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**

1996 Warrant Article		1995 Final Approp.	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Budget Approp.	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
3a	Town Office	43,500	39,513	(3,987)	42,500	(1,000)
3b	Election/Reg/Vital Stats	2,300	1,311	(989)	4,400	2,100
3c	Audit Town Books	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
3d	Revaluation of Property	3,000	2,660	(340)	3,000	0
3e	Legal Expenses	7,500	2,744	(4,756)	5,000	(2,500)
3f	Planning Board	1,000	938	(62)	1,000	0
3g	Zoning Board	500	142	(358)	500	0
3h	Grounds	2,550	3,728	1,178	2,550	0
3i	General Government Building	10,950	12,133	1,183	15,950	5,000
3j	Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	18,350	18,809	459	20,000	1,650
3k	Insurance(Exc. Medical)	33,000	17,328	(15,672)	33,000	0
3l	Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
3m	Town Records Preservation	3,500	3,729	229	3,000	(500)
3n	Spirit Committee	1,000	320	(680)	1,000	0
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>132,693</b>	<b>108,698</b>	<b>(23,995)</b>	<b>137,443</b>	<b>4,750</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
3o	Police Department	56,008	55,924	(84)	56,069	61
3p	Rescue Squad	4,875	4,875	0	4,875	0
3q	Ambulance	14,400	8,161	(6,239)	14,000	(400)
3r	Fire Department	27,825	27,921	96	29,075	1,250
3s	Emergency Management	50	16,910	16,860	2,450	2,400
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>103,158</b>	<b>113,791</b>	<b>10,633</b>	<b>106,469</b>	<b>3,311</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>						
4	Class V Highways	175,926	193,599	17,673	222,603	46,677
	Highway Block Carryover		37,036	37,036		0
4	Highway Block Grant	74,149	74,149	0	75,288	1,139
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT</b>	<b>250,075</b>	<b>304,784</b>	<b>54,709</b>	<b>297,891</b>	<b>47,816</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>						
3t	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	6,600	(400)	7,000	0
3u	Recycling	1,500	950	(550)	1,500	0
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>(950)</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>						
3v	Health Services	7,272	7,576	304	7,472	200
3w	General Assistance	2,500	2,700	200	2,500	0
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>9,772</b>	<b>10,275</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>9,972</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
3x	Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,206	6	4,200	0
3y	Patriotic Purposes	300	15	(285)	300	0
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>(279)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>



**1996 BUDGET**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**

1996 Warrant Article		1995 Final Approp.	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Budget Approp.	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
3z	Conservation Commission	525	525	(0)	550	25
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
3z1	Principal-Long-Term Debt	32,800	32,800	0	32,800	0
3z2	Interest-Long-Term Debt	7,722	7,722	(0)	6,720	(1,002)
3z3	Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	15,000	5,599	(9,401)	15,000	0
	Interest-Bond Anticip. Notes	603	603			(603)
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>56,125</b>	<b>46,724</b>	<b>(9,401)</b>	<b>54,520</b>	<b>(1,605)</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>						
3z4	Public Library Fund	8,403	8,403	0	8,270	(133)
3z5	Conservation Fund	3,000	3,294	294	3,000	0
3z6	Highway Capital Reserve	15,000	15,000	0	35,000	20,000
3z7	Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
3z8	Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
3z9	Appraisal Reserve Fund	3,000	3,000	0	5,000	2,000
3z10	Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
	<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>56,403</b>	<b>56,697</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>21,867</b>
	<b>TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL/OTHER</b>	<b>621,751</b>	<b>653,265</b>	<b>31,514</b>	<b>698,115</b>	<b>76,364</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY &amp; OTHER ARTICLES</b>						
94	New Town Office(3)		32,110	32,110		0
94	Fire Truck(7)		31,715	31,715		0
94	Zoning Amendments(13)		338	338		0
95	Perambulation(10)	1,000	500	(500)		(1,000)
95	Fire Department Hose(11)	5,205	5,205	0		(5,205)
5	Police Cruiser Replacement				22,733	22,733
6	Lettering Machine				3,000	3,000
7	Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000	732	(268)	1,000	0
8	Highway Truck Replacement				66,230	66,230
9	Software Lease				3,900	3,900
10	Coffin Shop Bridge				140,000	140,000
11	Highway Garage Plans				3,000	3,000
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>70,600</b>	<b>63,395</b>	<b>239,863</b>	<b>232,658</b>
	<b>TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>628,956</b>	<b>723,866</b>	<b>94,909</b>	<b>937,978</b>	<b>309,022</b>
3z11	County Appropriation	195,671	195,671	0	Necessary Amount	

**ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

1996 Warrant Article	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
3a Town Office	42,500	1,400	41,100	0.50
3b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	4,400		4,400	0.05
3c Audit Town Books	4,000		4,000	0.05
3d Revaluation of Property	3,000		3,000	0.04
3e Legal Expenses	5,000		5,000	0.06
3f Planning Board	1,000	385	615	0.01
3g Zoning Board of Adjustment	500	100	400	0.00
3h Grounds	2,550		2,550	0.03
3i General Government Buildings	15,950	600	15,350	0.19
3j Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	20,000	6,225	13,775	0.17
3k Insurance(Excluding Medical)	33,000		33,000	0.40
3l Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543		1,543	0.02
3m Town Records Preservation	3,000		3,000	0.04
3n Spirit Committee	1,000		1,000	0.01
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>137,443</b>	<b>8,710</b>	<b>128,733</b>	<b>1.56</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
3o Police Department	56,069	6,870	49,199	0.60
3p Rescue Squad	4,875		4,875	0.06
3q Ambulance	14,000		14,000	0.17
3r Fire Department	29,075	200	28,875	0.35
3s Emergency Management	2,450		2,450	0.03
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>106,469</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>99,399</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>				
4 Class V Highways	222,603	50	222,553	2.70
4 Highway Block Grant	75,288	75,288	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES</b>	<b>297,891</b>	<b>75,338</b>	<b>222,553</b>	<b>2.70</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
3t Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,000	0	0.00
3u Recycling	1,500	200	1,300	0.02
<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>				
3v Health Services	7,472	1,500	5,972	0.07
3w General Assistance	2,500		2,500	0.03
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>	<b>9,972</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>8,472</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
3x Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200		4,200	0.05
3y Patriotic Purposes	300	0	300	0.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0.05</b>

**ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN**  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1996 Warrant Article	1996 Proposed Budget	1996 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
<b>CONSERVATION</b>				
3z Conservation Commission	550		550	0.01
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
3z1 Principal-Long-Term Debt	32,800	32,800	0	0.00
3z2 Interest -Long-Term Debt	6,720	6,720	0	0.00
3z3 Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	15,000	4,000	11,000	0.13
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>54,520</b>	<b>43,520</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>				
3z4 Public Library Fund	8,270		8,270	0.10
3z5 Conservation Commission Fund	3,000		3,000	0.04
3z6 Highway Capital Reserve	35,000		35,000	0.42
3z7 Fire Capital Reserve	13,000		13,000	0.16
3z8 Police Capital Reserve	4,000		4,000	0.05
3z9 Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000		5,000	0.06
3z10 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000		10,000	0.12
<b>TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,270</b>	<b>0.95</b>
<b>OTHER OFFSETTING REVENUE</b>				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		110,000	(110,000)	-1.33
Interest and Penalty on Taxes		25,000	(25,000)	-0.30
Other Taxes and Fees		11,101	(11,101)	-0.13
Unrestricted State Revenue		24,954	(24,954)	-0.30
<b>TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>698,115</b>	<b>314,393</b>	<b>383,722</b>	<b>4.65</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY &amp; OTHER ARTICLES</b>				
5 Police Cruiser Replacement	22,733	22,733	0	0.00
6 Lettering Machine	3,000		3,000	0.04
7 Hazardous Waste Recycling	1,000		1,000	0.01
8 Highway Truck Replacement	66,230	66,230	0	0.00
9 Software Lease	3,900		3,900	0.05
10 Coffin Shop Bridge	140,000	112,000	28,000	0.34
11 Highway Garage Plans	3,000		3,000	0.04
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>239,863</b>	<b>200,963</b>	<b>38,900</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>937,978</b>	<b>515,356</b>	<b>422,622</b>	<b>5.12</b>
Add: Refunds, Abatements & Credits			30,399	0.37
Deduct: State Shared Revenues			(8,856)	-0.11
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>			<b>444,165</b>	<b>5.38</b>

# GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	December 31 1995	December 31 1994
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash-Checking Account	51,560	106,808
Cash-Bond Account		24,640
Petty Cash	100	100
Investments-US Obligations	500,000	450,000
Uncollected Property Taxes	289,190	250,143
Uncollected Land Use Taxes		2,768
Uncollected Yield Taxes	2,024	1,220
Unredeemed Taxes	81,573	68,009
Accounts Receivable		2,412
Due from State of New Hampshire		9,065
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>924,447</b>	<b>915,165</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Accounts Payable		481
Due to State of New Hampshire		2
Due to School Department	712,721	622,501
Due to Conservation Fund		692
Deferred Tax Revenue	5,700	5,710
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	500	95,830
Undesignated	205,526	189,949
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>924,447</b>	<b>915,165</b>

Source: MS-5-Part 2



# STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1995

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes assessed	2,040,347	2,041,631	1,284
Less war service credits	(15,900)	(15,219)	681
Property tax commitment	2,024,447	2,026,412	1,965
Less refunds, abatements & adj.	(14,499)	(9,837)	4,662
Net property tax revenue	2,009,948	2,016,575	6,627
Other taxes	36,106	42,995	6,889
Licenses, permits & fees	111,900	136,826	24,926
State of New Hampshire	136,901	136,901	0
Income from departments	16,305	21,557	5,252
Miscellaneous sources	20,016	31,543	11,527
Operating transfers in	3,650	4,108	458
Use of fund balance			0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,334,826</b>	<b>2,390,505</b>	<b>55,679</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General government	129,193	104,969	24,224
Public safety	103,158	113,791	(10,633)
Highways, streets, bridges	250,075	304,784	(54,709)
Sanitation	8,500	7,550	950
Health	7,272	7,576	(304)
Welfare	2,500	2,700	(200)
Culture and recreation	4,500	4,221	279
Conservation	525	525	0
Debt service	56,125	46,724	9,401
Capital and other articles	67,108	131,027	(63,919)
County appropriation	195,671	195,671	0
School appropriation	1,550,721	1,550,721	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,375,348</b>	<b>2,470,258</b>	<b>(94,910)</b>
Less carryovers from prior year		(95,830)	95,830
Plus carryovers to next year		500	(500)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; CARRYOVERS</b>	<b>2,375,348</b>	<b>2,374,928</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</b>			
<b>NET EXPENDITURES AND CARRYOVERS</b>	<b>(40,522)</b>	<b>15,577</b>	<b>55,259</b>
Fund Balance January 1, 1995	189,949	189,949	
<b>FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1995</b>	<b>149,427</b>	<b>205,526</b>	<b>55,259</b>

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
TOWN OFFICE					
Salaries and wages	23,200	19,756	(3,444)	23,200	0
FICA(SS)-Town portion	2,100	2,019	(81)	2,100	0
Advertising	200	246	46	250	50
Memberships	600	588	(12)	600	0
Postage	1,600	1,293	(307)	1,600	0
Office rental-computer & tax	300	350	50	0	(300)
Computer services-Datown	900	1,564	664	1,500	600
Computer maintenance	1,000	496	(504)	1,000	0
Office supplies	2,000	2,516	516	2,000	0
Town clerk reference books	100	61	(39)	100	0
Town report cost	2,500	1,934	(566)	2,500	0
Mileage	2,000	1,673	(327)	1,250	(750)
Training and education	250	496	246	400	150
Town clerk fee-vehicles	3,000	3,177	177	3,000	0
Town clerk fee-various	1,500	0	(1,500)	500	(1,000)
Registry of deeds costs	500	399	(101)	500	0
Telephone-Selectmen	650	812	162	700	50
Telephone-Tax & Treasurer	400	654	254	500	100
Telephone-Town Clerk	500	787	287	600	100
Miscellaneous expenses	200	691	491	200	0
TOTAL	43,500	39,513	(3,987)	42,500	(1,000)
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL STATS					
Salaries and wages	1,600	949	(651)	3,600	2,000
FICA(SS)-Town portion	125	55	(70)	225	100
Advertising	175	56	(119)	175	0
Postage	25	8	(17)	25	0
Office supplies	25	65	40	25	0
Mileage	50	30	(21)	50	0
Miscellaneous	200	120	(80)	200	0
Vital statistics fees	100	29	(72)	100	0
TOTAL	2,300	1,311	(989)	4,400	2,100
AUDIT TOWN BOOKS					
Audit fee	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
TOTAL	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY					
Reappraisal expenses	3,000	2,660	(340)	3,000	0
TOTAL	3,000	2,660	(340)	3,000	0
LEGAL EXPENSES					
Legal fees & damages	7,500	2,744	(4,756)	5,000	(2,500)
TOTAL	7,500	2,744	(4,756)	5,000	(2,500)
PLANNING BOARD					
Advertising	200	357	157	300	100
Postage	200	412	212	300	100
Mileage	100	59	(41)	100	0
Training and education	200	0	(200)	100	(100)
Miscellaneous expenses	300	110	(190)	200	(100)
TOTAL	1,000	938	(62)	1,000	0

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Advertising	300	142	(158)	300	0
Postage	150	0	(150)	150	0
Training and education	50	0	(50)	50	0
TOTAL	500	142	(358)	500	0
GROUNDS					
Salaries and wages	2,115	1,844	(271)	2,115	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	160	141	(19)	160	0
Mileage	25	19	(6)	25	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	1,724	1,624	100	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	150	0	(150)	150	0
TOTAL	2,550	3,728	1,178	2,550	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
Salaries and wages	1,900	1,883	(18)	1,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	150	143	(7)	150	0
Electricity-Town office	500	1,854	1,354	1,500	1,000
Electricity-Town hall	1,500	1,047	(453)	1,000	(500)
Heat-Town office	1,000	1,847	847	1,500	500
Heat-Town hall	3,000	1,716	(1,284)	2,000	(1,000)
Rubbish removal	1,200	1,285	85	1,200	0
Miscellaneous expenses	300	806	506	300	0
Building maintenance	1,000	1,108	108	1,000	0
Maintenance supplies	400	445	45	400	0
Landscaping project	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	10,950	12,133	1,183	15,950	5,000
CEMETERIES & PERPETUAL CARE					
Salaries and wages	8,600	9,697	1,097	9,300	700
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	800	1,132	332	875	75
Office supplies	50	0	(50)	50	0
Mileage	650	194	(456)	400	(250)
Equipment, tools & supplies	650	791	141	650	0
Gasoline	100	100	0	100	0
Diesel fuel	100	100	0	100	0
Hired equipment	300	0	(300)	300	0
Miscellaneous expenses	200	327	127	250	50
Maintenance-pickup truck	400	154	(246)	400	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	400	425	25	400	0
Maintenance supplies	1,000	276	(724)	1,000	0
Perpetual care expenses	3,500	3,821	321	4,500	1,000
Sanderson Fund expenses	100	0	(100)	175	75
Burial expenses	1,500	1,791	291	1,500	0
TOTAL	18,350	18,809	459	20,000	1,650

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)					
Property/liability premiums	33,000	17,328	(15,672)	33,000	0
TOTAL	33,000	17,328	(15,672)	33,000	0
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION					
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee					
Regional Planning Council	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOTAL	1,543	1,543	0	1,543	0
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION					
Preservation expenses	3,500	3,729	229	3,000	(500)
TOTAL	3,500	3,729	229	3,000	(500)
SPIRIT COMMITTEE					
Project expenses	1,000	320	(680)	1,000	0
TOTAL	1,000	320	(680)	1,000	0
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries and wages	28,000	28,545	545	28,000	0
Salaries and wages-part time	5,824	7,150	1,326	7,124	1,300
Salaries and wages-special	4,202	4,236	34	4,202	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	2,909	3,033	124	3,010	101
Memberships	50	0	(50)	50	0
Postage	50	8	(42)	50	0
Office supplies	850	485	(365)	850	0
Mileage	200	0	(200)	200	0
Training and education	450	199	(251)	450	0
Telephone	1,460	1,578	118	1,660	200
Electricity	40	47	7	0	(40)
Uniforms	700	578	(122)	700	0
Dispatch	5,348	4,688	(660)	5,348	0
Gasoline	1,500	1,121	(379)	1,500	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	21	(79)	100	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	700	590	(110)	700	0
Radio repair/maintenance	625	235	(390)	625	0
Vehicle maintenance	3,000	3,410	410	1,500	(1,500)
TOTAL	56,008	55,924	(84)	56,069	61
RESCUE SQUAD					
Rescue squad contribution	4,875	4,875	0	4,875	0
TOTAL	4,875	4,875	0	4,875	0
AMBULANCE					
Town of Windsor	6,300	700	(5,600)	6,300	0
Golden Cross	7,461	7,461	0	7,700	239
Miscellaneous	639	0	(639)	0	(639)
TOTAL	14,400	8,161	(6,239)	14,000	(400)



# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Subscriptions	75	19	(56)	75	0
Memberships	800	1,074	274	1,000	200
Postage	50	20	(30)	50	0
Mileage	400	535	135	400	0
Training and education	100	196	96	200	100
Telephone	450	549	99	550	100
Electricity-Rt 120 station	250	229	(21)	250	0
Electricity-Town House sta.	1,000	1,092	92	1,000	0
Heat-Rt 120 station	1,200	603	(597)	1,000	(200)
Heat-Town House station	800	670	(130)	800	0
Fire equipment purchases	2,500	2,309	(191)	2,500	0
Protective clothing	2,250	2,530	280	2,500	250
Radio & pager replacement	1,500	1,700	200	1,500	0
Hose replacement	750	750	0	750	0
Forest fire expenses	1,000	520	(480)	1,000	0
Dispatch	3,200	3,021	(179)	3,200	0
Mutual aid	150	110	(40)	150	0
Gasoline	750	433	(317)	600	(150)
Diesel fuel	400	324	(76)	500	100
Miscellaneous expenses	150	258	108	150	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	2,000	2,283	283	2,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	2,000	2,752	752	2,000	0
Maintenance-Town House sta.	750	91	(659)	750	0
Maintenance-Rt 120 station	750	138	(612)	750	0
Maintenance-engine 1	1,500	2,513	1,013	2,000	500
Maintenance-engine 2	1,000	1,627	627	1,000	0
Maintenance-tanker	1,000	917	(83)	1,000	0
Maintneance-ladder truck	50	0	(50)	0	(50)
Maintenance-forestry truck	500	535	35	500	0
Maintenance-utility truck	500	124	(376)	500	0
Maintenance-SCBA	0	0	0	400	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,825</b>	<b>27,921</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>29,075</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
Civil defense	50	50	(0)	50	0
Emergency dam repairs	0	16,860	16,860	2,400	2,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16,910</b>	<b>16,860</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,400</b>

# **DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES** **TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>					
Salaries and wages	66,430	70,597	4,167	77,708	11,278
Salaries and wages-part time	2,025	2,949	924	3,000	975
Salaries and wages-overtime	8,021	14,118	6,097	8,000	(21)
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	5,850	6,705	855	6,713	863
Retirement-Town's portion	2,500	2,986	486	3,247	747
Medical ins.-Town's portion	7,500	6,439	(1,061)	8,975	1,475
Telephone	400	541	141	500	100
Electricity-Parsonage Rd	1,300	1,365	65	1,300	0
Electricity-Rt 120	200	300	100	200	0
Heat-Parsonage Rd	1,000	1,165	165	1,000	0
Heat-Rt 120	1,100	911	(189)	1,100	0
Uniforms	2,500	2,824	324	3,060	560
Gasoline	2,500	1,270	(1,230)	2,500	0
Diesel fuel	8,000	8,479	479	9,000	1,000
Motor oil	1,000	380	(620)	1,000	0
Asphalt and tar	1,500	1,376	(124)	1,500	0
Gravel	1,000	1,047	47	19,000	18,000
Sand	6,000	8,834	2,834	9,000	3,000
Salt	1,200	1,266	66	1,400	200
Chloride	500	246	(254)	500	0
Culverts	2,500	0	(2,500)	4,000	1,500
Road supplies	11,000	6,851	(4,149)	11,000	0
Hired equipment	11,000	6,846	(4,154)	12,000	1,000
Rubbish removal	700	149	(551)	700	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	1,000	4,175	3,175	1,000	0
Major repairs-88 Int'l	1,000	1,794	794	1,500	500
Major repairs-78 Int'l	2,000	4,337	2,337	1,000	(1,000)
Major repairs-82 grader	5,000	6,697	1,697	5,000	0
Major repairs-84 loader	1,500	1,891	391	8,000	6,500
Major repairs-90 Int'l	1,500	2,989	1,489	1,500	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	15,000	21,438	6,438	15,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	419	(581)	1,000	0
Building maintenance	2,200	2,217	17	2,200	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175,926</b>	<b>193,599</b>	<b>17,673</b>	<b>222,603</b>	<b>46,677</b>
<b>BLOCK GRANT</b>					
Salaries and wages	19,100	14,011	(5,089)	25,638	6,538
Salaries and wages-part time	2,900	4,212	1,312	2,900	0
Salaries and wages-overtime	0	198	198	0	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	1,700	1,411	(289)	2,181	481
Asphalt and tar	26,349	39,142	12,793	22,401	(3,948)
Gravel	10,000	9,849	(151)	10,000	0
Sand	3,000	1,843	(1,158)	0	(3,000)
Culverts	2,300	11,059	8,759	5,000	2,700
Road supplies & misc.	1,400	1,620	220	0	(1,400)
Hired equipment	5,000	27,640	22,640	7,168	2,168
Equipment repair/maintenance	2,400	201	(2,199)	0	(2,400)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74,149</b>	<b>111,185</b>	<b>37,036</b>	<b>75,288</b>	<b>1,139</b>

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Transfer station ticket cost	7,000	6,600	(400)	7,000	0
Recycling expenses	1,500	950	(550)	1,500	0
TOTAL	8,500	7,550	(950)	8,500	0
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health department expenses	50	24	(26)	50	0
Animal control expenses	500	830	330	500	0
Visiting Nurse Association	2,472	2,472	0	2,672	200
Community Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan County Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
Stoughton House, Inc.	1,500	1,500	0	1,000	(500)
Southwest Community Services	0	0	0	500	500
TOTAL	7,272	7,576	304	7,472	200
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General assistance	2,500	2,700	200	2,500	0
TOTAL	2,500	2,700	200	2,500	0
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Parks & recreation(CREA)	4,200	4,206	6	4,200	0
Patriotic exp.-Memorial Day	300	15	(285)	300	0
TOTAL	4,500	4,221	(279)	4,500	0
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation Commission exp.	525	525	(0)	550	25
TOTAL	525	525	(0)	550	25
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal-long-term debt	32,800	32,800	0	32,800	0
Interest-long-term debt	7,722	7,722	(0)	6,720	(1,002)
Interest-tax anticip. notes	15,000	5,599	(9,401)	15,000	0
Interest-bond anticip. notes	603	603	0	0	(603)
TOTAL	56,125	46,724	(9,401)	54,520	(1,605)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
Library Fund	8,403	8,403	0	8,270	(133)
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,295	295	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	0	35,000	20,000
Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
Police Capital Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	3,000	3,000	0	5,000	2,000
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL	56,403	56,698	295	78,270	21,867
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>BEFORE ARTICLES</b>	621,751	653,265	31,514	698,115	76,364

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Final Budget	1995 Actual Expend	1995 Over (Under)	1996 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ARTICLES					
94 Art 3 New Town Office		32,110	32,110		0
94 Art 7 Fire truck		31,715	31,715		0
94 Art 13 Zoning amendments		338	338		0
95 Art 8 Hazardous waste	1,000	732	(268)		(1,000)
95 Art 10 Perambulation	1,000	500	(500)		(1,000)
95 Art 11 Fire Dept hose	5,205	5,205	0		(5,205)
TOTAL	7,205	70,600	63,395		(7,205)
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	628,956	723,866	94,910	698,115	69,159
County Appropriation	195,671	195,671	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
School Appropriation	1,550,721	1,550,721	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,375,348	2,470,258	94,910		



**LONG TERM DEBT**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1995**

PAYMENT DATE	INTEREST DUE	PRINCIPAL DUE	TOTAL PAYMENT
June 15, 1996	3,360.08	0.00	3,360.08
December 15, 1996	3,360.08	32,800.00	36,160.08
June 15, 1997	2,487.33	0.00	2,487.33
December 15, 1997	2,501.00	32,800.00	35,301.00
June 15, 1998	1,658.22	0.00	1,658.22
December 15, 1998	1,667.33	32,800.00	34,467.33
June 15, 1999	829.11	0.00	829.11
December 15, 1999	833.67	32,800.00	33,633.67
	16,696.82	131,200.00	147,896.82

**TAX RATE COMPUTATION**  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995	1994	1993
Total Town Appropriations	628,956	895,466	578,064
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	14,499	14,788	15,003
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	4,200	2,800	1,400
All Other Veterans @ \$100	11,700	11,600	11,900
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(328,956)	(602,241)	(254,935)
State Shared Revenues	(8,856)	(8,402)	(8,024)
<b>Town Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>321,543</b>	<b>314,011</b>	<b>343,408</b>
School Tax Assessment	1,550,721	1,439,009	1,361,578
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(23,761)	(22,544)	(21,529)
<b>School Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>1,526,960</b>	<b>1,416,465</b>	<b>1,340,049</b>
County Tax Assessment	195,671	215,330	207,803
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,827)	(3,630)	(3,467)
<b>County Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>191,844</b>	<b>211,700</b>	<b>204,336</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,040,347</b>	<b>1,942,176</b>	<b>1,887,793</b>
Divide by Assessed Valuation	82,571,737	81,741,458	82,077,928
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION</b>	<b>24.71</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>23.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE BREAKDOWN</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1993</b>
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	3.90	3.84	4.18
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	18.49	17.33	16.33
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.32	2.59	2.49
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>24.71</b>	<b>23.76</b>	<b>23.00</b>

Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

## TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1995 Assessed Acres	1995 Assessed Valuation	1994 Assessed Valuation	1993 Assessed Valuation
<b>Value of Land Only</b>				
Current Use at Current Use Values	20,939.96	1,359,342	1,234,181	1,196,872
Residential	5,715.08	30,767,205	31,529,355	32,176,805
Commercial/Industrial	42.35	228,900	228,900	228,900
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND</b>	<b>26,697.39</b>	<b>32,355,447</b>	<b>32,992,436</b>	<b>33,602,577</b>
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>				
Residential		48,961,318	47,565,768	47,154,973
Manufactured Housing		0	0	0
Commercial/Industrial		89,300	89,300	89,300
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS</b>		<b>49,050,618</b>	<b>47,655,068</b>	<b>47,244,273</b>
<b>Public Utilities-Electric</b>				
Central Vermont Public Service		84,923	87,271	96,350
Connecticut Valley Electric		439,672	414,690	459,221
Granite State Electric		88,884	64,865	123,725
New England Power		403,489	412,001	460,426
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		637,454	608,877	610,106
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>		<b>1,654,422</b>	<b>1,587,704</b>	<b>1,749,828</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTION</b>		<b>83,060,487</b>	<b>82,235,208</b>	<b>82,596,678</b>
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(2 in 1995)		(30,000)	(30,000)	(45,000)
Elderly(22 in 1995)		(375,000)	(380,000)	(390,000)
Handicapped(1 in 1995)		(83,750)	(83,750)	(83,750)
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		<b>82,571,737</b>	<b>81,741,458</b>	<b>82,077,928</b>

### CURRENT USE REPORT FOR 1995

	Acres Granted in Prior Years	Acres Granted in 1995	Acres Removed in 1995	Total Acres At End of 1995
Farm Land	2,226.56	54.15		2,280.71
Forest Land	17,979.78	556.27		18,536.05
Wetland	120.20	3.00		123.20
<b>TOTAL CURRENT USE ACRES</b>	<b>20,326.54</b>	<b>613.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,939.96</b>

Source: MS-1

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1995

## SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

	1995	1994	1993
<b>Uncollected Taxes-Start of Year:</b>			
Property Taxes		250,142.84	
Land Use Change			2,768.00
Yield Taxes		867.02	352.83
Taxes Committed in 1995			
Property Taxes	2,026,411.71		
Land Use Change	294.00		
Yield Taxes	17,242.62		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	569.04		
Interest on Property Taxes	443.57	13,676.92	
Interest on Land Use Taxes			
Interest on Yield Taxes	35.34	105.07	186.35
Excess Credits	687.56	82.57	
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>2,045,683.84</b>	<b>264,874.42</b>	<b>3,307.18</b>
<b>Funds Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
Property Taxes	1,731,579.35	250,225.41	
Land Use Change	294.00		
Yield Taxes	15,446.10	640.03	352.83
Interest on Property Taxes	443.57	13,676.92	
Interest on Land Use Taxes			
Interest on Yield Taxes	35.34	105.07	186.35
Less Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	6,898.78		
Land Use Change			2,768.00
Excess Debits			
<b>Uncollected Taxes-End of Year</b>			
Property Taxes	289,190.18	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,796.52	226.99	0.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>2,045,683.84</b>	<b>264,874.42</b>	<b>3,307.18</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1995

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1994	1993	Prior
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens</b>			
<b>At Beginning of Year</b>		53,124.40	14,882.61
Liens Executed During Year			
Sold to Town	80,366.56		
Interest and Costs Collected			
After Lien Execution	797.66	5,662.62	4,550.52
Excess Credits	1,305.94	227.07	265.41
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>82,470.16</b>	<b>59,014.09</b>	<b>19,698.54</b>
 Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	22,407.53	31,043.30	15,148.02
Interest and Costs After Lien	797.66	5,662.62	4,550.52
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Liens Deeded to Town	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess Debits			
<b>Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens</b>			
<b>At End of Year</b>	59,264.97	22,308.17	0.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>82,470.16</b>	<b>59,014.09</b>	<b>19,698.54</b>

Janet McFaul  
Tax Collector

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES  
DECEMBER 31, 1995**

	1993	1994
Ackerman, Frank N.		1930.41
Aldrich, George M./Joyce D.	1,256.43	1291.91
Atkinson-Davis Corporation		209.87
Bailey, Arthur W./ Beatrice E.	2,167.85	3,263.93
Boardman, Kendrick G./ Patricia		1,078.38
Call, Duane R., Sr. / Cathy J.		491.80
Eastman, Jerry / Karen		107.47
Emerson, Alexander J. / Carolyn C.	1,149.17	1,205.63
Gray, Everett Jr./ Laurie A.	655.70	2,308.61
Hall, Robert G. / Joanne	1,016.03	1,345.47
Hopper, Eugene W. / Judith L.		3,306.78
Jewell, Milton P.,./ Josephine		6,123.67
LaClair, Cecil / Joyce	1,639.71	2,080.54
Land East Construction Corporation		43.44
Lewis, Wm S. / Lorraine J.	1,964.57	2,061.62
Marro, Rd	2,257.51	2,349.39
McMinn, V. Leonard		2,040.80
Millay/Lynch, Sharon		1,515.46
Mitchell, Renee M./Noll, Nancy M.	2,254.25	2,342.45
Muller, Joseph H./ Diane L.	2,862.60	2,974.75
Oldenburg, Earland L./ Maria		1,553.76
Patterson, Walter N./Thelma C.		124.34
Petty, Stephen G /Linda S.		2,489.28
Rock, Phillip S /Pauline L.		415.29
Shambo, Robert W./ Lorraine J.	876.37	2,137.97
Stone, Chas W. /Sheila M.		3,374.45
Swamp, Lincoln J./ Deborah A.		1,718.31
Szyman, Heirs of Despina	4,072.87	4,190.91
Varano, Dean		738.22
Wallace, Marilyn		2,366.97
Wilkie, Steven / Laura	135.11	2,083.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,308.17</b>	<b>\$59,264.97</b>

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each taxpayer for unredeemed taxes on account of the levies of 1993 and 1994, as of December 31, 1995, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Janet McFaul, Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Year Ended December 31, 1995**

**Reconciliation-Checking Account**

Balance 12/31/94		106,807.54
Add Receipts	4,527,426.54	
Add Uncollected Item	112.50	
Total Available		4,634,346.58
Less Payments During Year	4,582,786.68	
<b>Balance 12/31/95</b>		<b>51,559.90</b>

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Bank Statement Balance 12/31/95		86,011.76
Add Deposits in Transit	33,871.00	
Add Uncollected Item	112.50	
Less Outstanding Checks	68,435.36	
<b>Checkbook Balance 12/31/95</b>		<b>51,559.90</b>

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**Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer**

	12/31/94	Add	Less	12/31/95
	Balance	Receipts	Payments	Balance
Police Dept Savings	68.27	306.91		375.18
Fire Dept Savings	221.55	7.27		228.82
Fire Dept Hazardous Materials	746.38	24.52		770.90
Conservation Fund:				
Savings	24,780.16	4,083.06	2,330.00	26,533.22
Savings	19,666.76	264.20	15,000.00	4,930.96
Money Market	0.00	15,530.75		15,530.75
Savings-Eastman	0.00	25,657.40	21,730.32	3,927.08
CREA Savings	6,926.51	229.85		7,156.36
Rodney Palmer Fund	12,312.82	748.60		13,061.42
Bond Fund	24,640.33		24,640.33	0.00

Respectfully submitted,  
William Caterino  
Town Treasurer

# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF CORNISH, N.H. December 31, 1995

Date Created	Name of Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Where Invested	Principal	New Funds Created	Beginning Balance	Received	Expended	Ending Balance
Var.	Perpet. Care	Cemeteries	Clt.Svg.Bnk	\$44,141.98	\$2,800.00	\$47,554.30	\$4,716.43	\$4,108.30	\$48,162.43
1902	Beamam,C.	Guide Boards	AllianceSec.	1,173.06	0.00	5,581.99	382.98	1,850.00	4,114.97
1909	Foss,J.	Flags Upkeep	AllianceSec.	1,731.40	0.00	4,242.10	481.99	200.00	4,524.09
1889	Foss/Kimbl	Aid to Poor	AllianceSec.	5,096.04	0.00	7,054.05	1,161.68	429.24	7,786.49
1971	Kenney,MJ	Aid to Elderly	Clt.Svg.Bnk.	4,044.61	0.00	7,676.92	601.14	1,190.00	7,088.06
1902	Mercer,Wm	Aid to Educ.	Ainc/Fleet	13,214.61	0.00	32,169.09	3,854.94	1,800.00	34,224.03
1898	Pub.Sch. Fund	Schools	Alliance Sec.	418.28	0.00	629.73	96.86	0.00	726.59
1942	Sanderson	Child.Cem.Upk'p	Alliance Sec.	1,248.67	0.00	46.45	175.35	0.00	221.80
1917	Stowell Library	Library	Fleet/Norstar	500.00	0.00	467.82	467.82	0.00	0.00
			AllianceSec.	5,897.15	0.00	1,022.56	815.47	1,022.56	1,474.07
			Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,500.00	0.00	190.78	190.78	0.00	0.00
1984	Vet.Mem'l	Upkeep	Clt.Svg.Bnk	500.00	0.00	624.43	29.92	600.00	54.35
1987	Cornish Welf.	Aid to Needy	Clt.Svg.Bnk	3,518.54	0.00	2,459.32	326.88	200.00	2,586.20
1993	Educ Trn Fund	Educational	Clt.Svg.Bnk	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1982	New Police Cruiser		Clt.Svg.Bnk	12,000.00	4,000.00	15,399.46	917.87	0.00	20,317.33
1967	New Heavy Hwy. Equip.		Clt.Svg.Bnk	60,000.00	15,000.00	69,176.30	4,058.19	0.00	88,234.49
1970	Fire Truck		Clt.Svg.Bnk		13,000.00	1,588.59	80.42	0.00	14,569.01
1985	Appraisal Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	6,000.00	3,000.00	9,792.96	372.44	0.00	13,165.40
1995	Bridges		Clt.Svg.Bnk		10,000.00		20.96	0.00	10,020.96
1979	School Building Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	10,000.00	4,000.00	11,665.36	446.59	0.00	16,111.95
1986	Block Grant (Educational)		Clt.Svg.Bnk	3,630.35	0.00	20,076.65	622.40	13,763.99	6,935.06
				<b>SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL: \$13,630.35</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,742.01</b>	<b>\$1,068.99</b>	<b>\$13,763.00</b>	<b>\$23,047.01</b>
1993	New Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:								
			Bielarski, A.J. & Joyce	\$400	Edminster	Schuele, Norman	\$1000	Chase	
			Bielarski, A.J. & Violet	\$400	Edminster	Wadsworth Jr, Wm S.	\$400	Edminster	
			Phinney, Margaret	\$400	Huggins	Wyman, Curtis & Diana	\$200	Child	

The information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Barbara Rawson  
Shirley Sullivan  
Elizabeth Caterino



# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1995

## Description

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$192,100
Furniture and Equipment	7,000
Library, Land and Building	48,450
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Police Department Equipment	20,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	146,900
Equipment	222,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	32,000
Equipment	252,000
Materials and Supplies	10,000
Selectmen's Old Office	149,000
New Town Office, Land and Buildings	200,000
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	175,100
CREA Land and Buildings	108,950
School, Land and Buildings	1,465,250
Contents	171,400

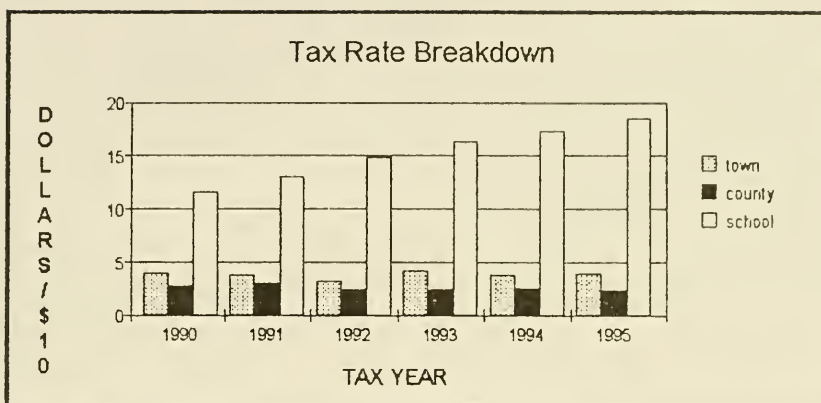
## All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, and Other:

Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,900
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	24,150
Butman Lot	13,250
Recycling Center	33,750
Cemeteries, Vault, Hearse House	5,000
Fire Pond, School Street	1,150
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,300
Fire Pond on Town House Road	2,500
Dwight Wood Lot	44,200
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	3,900
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	8,250
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	26,700
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,950
Map 6, Lot 3A (5 acres)	58,950

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,485,100</b>
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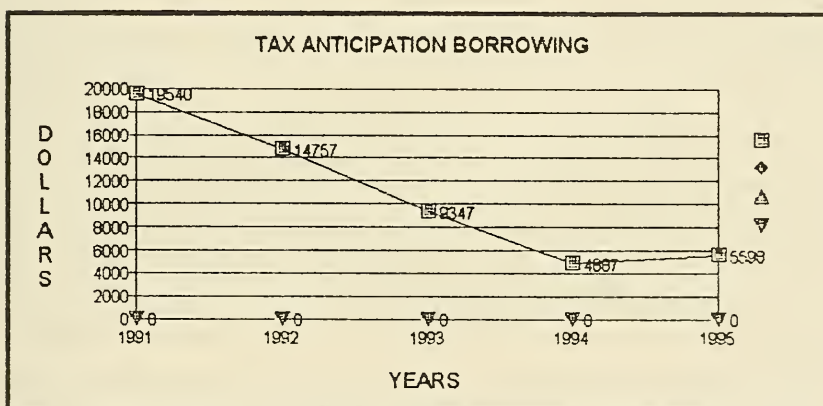
# SALARIES TOWN OF CORNISH 1995

Abbott, George	BG/Cemetery	5,044.00
Atwood, Leland	Election/Reg	133.38
Berry, Shirley S.	Town Office	464.00
Bodkins, Barritt, C.	Police Special	516.00
Brennan, Christopher	BG/Cemetery	3,855.50
Budlong, Sally	Election/Reg	48.88
Call, Cathy	Library/BG	689.96
Caterino Jr. William F.	Town Office	1,000.00
DeAngelis Jr., Charles	Highway	8,903.45
Duval, Michael	Highway	23,774.14
Earle, Albert F.	Highway	23,244.57
Fitch, James C.	Highway	138.24
Freeland, Katherine A.	Library	3,640.00
Gallagher, William	Election/Reg	29.75
Garrow, Mary J.	Town Office	3,646.50
Hier, Anne M.	Town Office	3,533.89
Hodgeman, Stuart A.	Town Office	2,431.03
Kintis Jr., Donald W.	Police Special	420.00
LaClair, Cecil A.	Highway	22,948.48
Maslan, Robert F.	Town Office	4,675.02
McFaul, Janet M.	Town Office	1,500.00
Monette, Pauline	Election/Reg	17.00
Monette, Robin	Election/Reg	72.76
Morse, Scott	Police/Highway	6,147.04
Nelson, Wayne	Highway	4,916.16
Osgood, Philip G.	Police	28,664.50
Raymond Jr., William P.	Police Special	432.00
Robb , Carl	Police Special	140.00
Roberts, Richard B.	Police Special	420.00
Rock, Holly	BG	90.00
Rock, John	BG/Cemetery	8,608.00
Rock, Maybelle	BG/Cemetery	910.00
Rock, Reigh	Town Office	6,606.50
Rollins, Paul L.	Election/Reg	48.88
Rollins, Ruth G.	Election/Reg	393.13
Shambo, Barbie	Highway	140.00
Spaulding, Thomas E.	Highway	23,272.84
Stone, Marion R.	Election/Reg	48.88
Webb, Robert	Police	2,408.00
Webber, David	Police Special	480.00
White, Antonio D.	Police Special	420.00
White, John M.	Town Office	1,904.03
Yacono, Michael	Police	1,348.00
Yatsevitch, Patrick	Police	241.50



This chart shows the amount and relative allocation of Town property tax revenue from 1990 to 1995. Values for School, County and Town expenses were calculated by using tax rates and "Property Taxes to be Raised" as published in Town Reports.

Graphics by John White



Although less money was borrowed by the Town in 1995, a higher interest rate resulted in a slight increase in borrowing costs.

Graphics by John White

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1995

The year 1995 was a year of change for Cornish with many important events and happenings, some of which we will mention here. Particularly significant for us was the loss of our long-time secretary, Jeannie Garrow. Her illness and death in August was a severe blow to us. In Jeannie's memory, Ethel Nelson has placed photographs of the Town's covered bridges in the Secretary's Office. We also want to recognize Robert LeClair for his donation to the Town of three Hilliard Rifles. We intend to display those rifles in the Selectmen's Office.

Our new Town Office at the Grange #25 building has worked out very well and many of you have told us that you too appreciate the new improved facilities. The purchase of the adjoining Eastman property was made possible with private funds under the sponsorship of the Conservation Commission. Again, we thank all the donors who made it possible. The Grounds Committee will come up with a plan to further improve the outdoor appearance of the landscape around the Town Office/Grange Building. Finally, our Fire Department appreciated the excellent training which was provided with the controlled burn exercise of the former Eastman building.

The Mill Brook Art Gallery in our Town office has been a popular place where Cornish artists can display their work. If you have something that you would like to show, please contact Polly Rand, the organizer and force behind the Gallery effort.

We are pleased with the awards that have come to Cornish, particularly, the Preservation Award from the Historic Windsor organization. This was for the restoration and preservation of the Grange #25 Building. Also, we received another First Place award for the best Town Report from the NH Municipal Association. Fortunately, Alan Penfold was able to attend the Awards Luncheon and accept the award for the Town. Finally, a medallion from the Mayor of Aspet, France, was presented to Caroline Storrs for the Selectmen during the visit of four Cornish students and two teachers to France. The medallion was in appreciation for Cornish efforts toward a twinning of our school with that of Aspet. Please watch for news of a return visit of Aspet school children to Cornish in 1996 or 1997.

We used the services of Brush Lettering to create a new Town Office and Grange sign which was funded by the Grange. We liked the results so had the same artist make three *Welcome to Cornish* signs and redo the War Memorials in the Flat. Funds from the Beaman Guide Boards Trust and The Veterans Memorial Upkeep Trust were used for these projects. Unveiling of the War Memorial will be on Memorial Day, 1996.

A detailed Highway report is elsewhere in this report, but we want to thank the Department for a very good job under difficult conditions. Some critics actually claim our roads are getting too good! The time has come to address the Highway Garage Facility on North Parsonage Road as the buildings have become structurally unsound. A Highway Garage Committee has been formed to come up with a solution. Article 11 of the Warrant asks for money to enable a committee to come up with a set of biddable plans for a new highway garage facility for the 1997 Town Meeting. Additionally, the Capital Equipment Committee was reactivated to deal with problems of aging Highway Department equipment regarding the 1996 budget. See their report elsewhere in the Town Report.

Our disaster-of-the-year was the deterioration of the dam at the School Street Fire Pond in the Flat. Fortunately, the Highway Department saved the day with a very professional repair job which should last many years. Thanks also to Dingee Machine who contributed toward this project.

Our Finance Committee has helped us through the budgeting-accounting process and with reviews at each quarter. Their input has been of great assistance to us.

Finally, we had to say good-bye to 31 residents who died during the year, too many to mention individually here. Since Cornish depends to such an extent on the volunteerism of its residents, their passing is a great loss to all. Again, we thank you for your personal effort to make Cornish a special place for us all!

Respectfully submitted,

John M. White  
Stuart A. Hodgeman  
Robert F. Maslan

### SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL AGENT 1995 REPORT

In 1989, the Selectmen created the Selectmen's Special Agent position for the purpose of confirming excavation information and soil suitability at potential new septic installations. Currently, the position is not funded by the town but by user fee, the average cost being \$20.00.

#### Results of Septic Digs in Cornish 1995

February 1	Gilbert, N/S Town House Road, Dug 6 Holes, Unsatisfactory
February 22	Rondos, S/S Harrington Road, Dug 1 Hole, Satisfactory
April 1	Gilbert, N/S Town House Road, Dug 6 Holes, Satisfactory
April 26	Rock, N/S Harrington Road, Dug 1 Hole, Satisfactory
May 31	Wegner, W/S Dodge Road, Dug 3 Holes, Satisfactory w/Mounding
June 16	Rondos, S/S Harrington Rd, Dug 15 holes, Satisfactory w/Mounding
September 28	Jones, N/S Town House Road, Dug 2 Holes, Satisfactory
October 12	Gage, W/S Center Road, Dug Numerous Holes, 2 Satisfactory

Selectmen's Special Agent,  
Stuart A. Hodgeman



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1995

Motor Vehicle Registrations Issued	\$133,394.50
Dog Licenses Issued / Animal Control	2386.50
Dog Penalties And Fines	326.00
Marriage Li censes Sold	675.00
Landfill Tickets Sold	5520.00
Miscellaneous-Copier Use, Checklists, History books & Return Check Fee	605.57
Filing Fees For Titles	423.00
UCC Fees	925.00
Vital Statistics Fees	660.00
Fish & Game	148.25
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TOTAL \$145,063.82

**Total monies paid to Town Treasurer                      \$145,063.82**

Respectfully submitted,  
Reigh H. Rock  
Town Clerk

## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 1995 REPORT

The Finance Committee is an advisory committee functioning as an intermediary between the School Board and the public and between the Select Board and the public. Its basic purpose is to assist in the budget process and to help with problems which may arise during the year. Quarterly meetings were held with the Select Board to review the Town's expenses and budget variances. School Board meetings were also attended by one or more members.

The Committee reviews every item on every budget with an eye toward ever improving the prudent management of Town funds and resources. Recommendations are made throughout the budget process and, although not binding, are reflected in the final budget. Cooperation by the Select Board, School Board and various town departments with the Committee has been excellent, and we hope the process has been helpful to the efficient running of the Town of Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,

William Caterino  
Brad Churchill  
John Collins, Chairman  
Harold Morse  
Wilbur Overman  
Alan Penfold

## CORNISH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1995 REPORT

1995 was a busy and productive year for the department during record dry weather and record snowfall. In mid-March, the Road Agent and highway employees started on a plan with efforts centered on bringing roads up to Class 5 specifications. Routine tasks included: graveling some major muddy spots, changing troubled culverts, ditching, trimming and roadside mowing. Early grading worked well but dry conditions throughout the summer made smooth roads difficult to attain. Most were regraded before the ground froze in the fall.

Lack of dust control caused concern for some folks but chloride was not budgeted. It snowed early and often in November and December resulting in a lot of plowing, sanding and pushing back the snow banks. Emphasis on school bus routes paid off with no lost days due to road conditions.

Some major projects were accomplished with Block Grant carry over and current year funds. The remainder of Dingleton Hill Road was prepared with trimming, ditching and culverts before applying nearly a mile of base coat asphalt. The final surface coat will be applied in 1996. Completion of that project will afford the Town an excellent road with only minor maintenance for many years to come. One hundred feet of four foot culverts were installed on Hell Hollow and Cook Roads. The sites were excavated, ripped and gravelled. Guard rails and crushed gravel finish coat will be applied in 1996. A major road renovation off Tandy Brook on Hilliard Road towards the Wadsworth property upgraded a marginal Class 5 road. Major trimming, ditching, culverts, soil fabric and gravel work made a minimum maintenance highway from nearly a mile of substandard road.

The Highway Department was asked to make emergency repairs to the failed fire pond dam on School Street at the Flat which was funded under emergency management and private contributions. The completed project afforded emergency water for a dry summer and will serve the town for years.

The department had a safe work year with no injuries to personnel. The equipment was not as fortunate. Some major repairs to the '78 International truck (approximately \$7000) were done to carry it through the end of the year when it will be replaced by a new truck as proposed in Article 8. An accident with the pickup truck involving avoidance of a black bear resulted in a new '96 truck but cost an unbudgeted \$4000. The grader had some down time for routine broken hoses and since has required front end and moldboard work which has been done. The Capital Equipment Committee was revived and has been very helpful to the department by making recommendations and fixes for equipment use and by planning for the future.

All Block-Grant funds were used this year. All moneys were used for major highway projects. However, some \$16,000 of Block Grant money was spent for engineering design of the Coffin Shop Bridge (Thrasher). The 80% state reimbursement of that amount did not occur in 1995 but will be realized in 1996. Therefore, funds such as bridge design plus unbudgeted equipment costs and snow plowing overtime resulted in an over- expenditure in the Class 5 Highway budget of nearly \$17,000. All things considered, after reimbursement, the department budget will be about on the money.

Looking to the new year, along with routine road maintenance, other projects include: changing large culverts on Jackson, South Parsonage and Paget Roads, finishing Dingleton Hill, starting a major renovation of Center Road and graveling many other roads. The 1996 budget has been increased to accomplish the 1996 Road Plan. A large portion of the increase is to fund crushing gravel from the Edna Guest pit. Many

roads in Town need gravel after years of neglect.

In order to more efficiently utilize the highway equipment and get more done with the budgeted dollars, the Highway Department is requesting an additional full-time employee. Also, we must replace the aged '78 International truck this year because it is not cost effective to make any more repairs. The Capital Equipment Committee has also asked for an increase to the Capital Reserve fund to meet future equipment costs.

Serious attention must be given to a new highway department garage facility. The current Parsonage Road buildings are inadequate and unsafe. There is a major lack of space and adequate water and septic facilities.

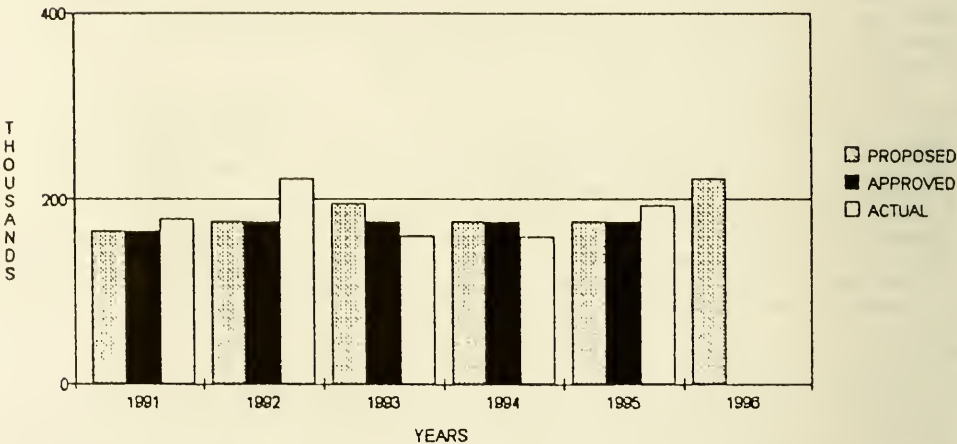
Finally, I have started on a plan to make our Cornish roads more serviceable and more maintenance free. In order to build a plan and see it through, the Cornish Road Agent should be elected for more than a one-year term. The Selectmen have placed an article on the warrant asking the Town to make the Road Agent's term three years. I endorse that article.

I enjoy serving as your Road Agent. Thanks to the Department and Town for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Earle  
Road Agent

CLASS V HIGHWAY FINANCIAL HISTORY



**The Town has Flat Funded the Highway Department for the Last Five Years**

This chart shows the financial history of the Class V Highway funds for the past five years. The over-expenditure in 1992 was due primarily to equipment failure. Note the under expenditures in 1993 and 1994. The slight over expenditure in 1995 was due again to some equipment failures but also to the under-expenditures of the previous years.

The most important aspect of this chart is that approved funding for Class V roads, that is, funding approved at Town Meeting, has been essentially flat for the last four years. Specifically, approved funding has averaged an increase of less than 1.5% per year. This is not a normal situation, since increases in costs and expenses alone should show a more normal annual increases in Highway funding. Consider that the school costs for the same time interval have been greater than three times the Cost of Living Index. Not all of us have children in the school but we all use the roads every day. And remember that the School Buses use the roads too! The bottom line is that Class V Highway funding needs to increase in 1996 and beyond.

Chart and Comments by Selectmen

## The Need For A New Highway Garage Facility

February 1996

In December of 1995 the Selectmen asked a number of the town's citizens to investigate, and comment on, the need for a new garage facility for the Highway Department. Those called to serve on this advisory committee were:

Gerald Baillargeon	James Neil
Albert Earle	Cheston Newbold
Gerald Esty	Alan Penfold
Mike Monette	Thomas Spaulding B

The advisory committee met on several occasions to assess the present facility and to determine the conditions under which the members of the Highway Department are currently working.

It was unanimously agreed that the present facilities are substandard in the extreme. The employees work under conditions that are not only very unpleasant, but dangerous as well. In addition, the present facilities make it difficult to maintain the highway equipment in proper working order.

In February the advisory committee recommended to the Selectmen that an Article be placed on the March 1996 Warrant that:

- 1) Instructs the Selectmen to form an official *New Highway Garage Committee*;
- 2) Charges the committee with the task of bringing to the March 1997 town meeting a schematic, but biddable, set of plans for the construction of a new facility;
- 3) Charges the committee with the task of using the developed plans and specifications to determine, by a bid process, how much a new facility will cost;
- 4) Charges the committee with the task of determining the best means for funding such construction; and
- 5) Authorizes the Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 which (it has already been determined) will be required for the execution of the committee's tasks.

Alan S. Penfold  
For the Advisory Committee



EXISTING HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY - Photo by Dick Gasset



## CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE 1995

On December 3, 1995, the Capital Equipment Committee met to discuss the needs of the Highway Department regarding the 1996 budget. A subsequent meeting was to go over the grader looking at the frontend mold board for needed repairs. Four issues were addressed:

1. \$25,000 special article for road grader repairs We are suggesting this not be done and instead a figure of \$5,000 seems appropriate with the Highway Department personnel doing the work during the winter in their spare time. Some of the front end, particularly the right side wheel bearings and steering arm, need to be addressed immediately before the problem gets worse. We all felt the entire front end did not need to be repaired, especially for the job it does and the speeds it travels. However, there are some bushings that need replacing, especially in the front wheel tilt mechanism, and the left hand steering cylinder. As far as the mold board goes, it needs to be removed from the machine. The two brackets and guides that the blade slides back and forth on need to be rebuilt or replaced. New parts cost is \$1,400 and \$1,200 each for a total of \$2,600. We feel the worn parts can be replaced rather than buy new parts for this at a much reduced figure. So, it would look as though a figure of \$5,000 for all of these parts and front end repair would be appropriate which can be put in the standard highway budget line item for grader repair. In addition, it needs 4 new tires on the rear next summer, and we need to keep in mind the hydraulic pump is getting old. Should it fail it would need to be replaced and it would cost in the vicinity of \$2,300. However, all of these should be able to come out of budget money and not a special article.

2. 1978 Dump Truck We are recommending the Town replace this truck at Town Meeting 1996 with a new one at the same time buying new plow, frames, and sander. We recommend the article be written with an \$80,000 figure in it with any proceeds going from the sale of the old truck towards the highway capital reserve fund. Between now and Town Meeting, we would like to be involved in the actual specification writing and bid receiving process and following that, someone from our committee would be happy to stand up at Town Meeting. That \$80,000 future most likely would be amended lower to reflect the truck's cost.

The \$9,000 or \$10,000 request for repairs to this 1978 dump truck we are recommending not be included at all. Should anything major happen to this truck between now and the time a new one is taken for delivery, the truck should be parked and we do without it. It is unfortunate that so much money was put into this truck last year because any large amounts put into it would not be recouped when we sell it. We estimate it would bring in \$5,000 private sale.

While we are on the issue of the trade-in-allowance, it might be appropriate to not sell the sander with the truck and plow but to keep it as a spare.

3. Cost of the Town Acquiring its own Back Hoe At this time the Committee is strongly against it. There is no way the Town could afford to add another piece of equipment to our fleet at this time. After some discussion, we feel if work is scheduled well so that we are able to keep one busy 6-8 hours a day, we could probably lease or hire a machine for a month or 6 weeks during the summer and get most, if not all, of the culvert work done as well as any construction work that Block Grant money would be used for. We all felt that this is an area where large sums of money were spent this past year and it needs to be gotten under control, and is certainly do-able.

Another issue the Committee needs to look at is whether the annual appropriation of \$15,000 is adequate for the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. In the next 5 to 7 years we are going to be looking at the replacing of the grader as well as the loader and shortly thereafter another dump truck which may need to be replaced at the same time. When the present \$15,000 was arrived at as an amount to be deposited in that account, we were not figuring on the fleet having three full-size dump trucks. Now that we do have that, we need to look at the appropriation again to see if it is inadequate or whether we just stay with it and bond for any additional monies when the time arises.

Larry Dingee, Chairman  
Larry Duval  
Peter Lynch  
Don MacLeay  
Milt Jewell



## CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1995 REPORT

The Fire Department responded to 103 calls in 1995. Fortunately, Cornish had only one house fire. The Department provided assistance at several structure fires in the surrounding communities. We were very fortunate not to have a major brush or forest fire during last summer's drought conditions. Please remember to obtain a fire permit for your incinerator and when burning brush, etc. Fire permits are available at Dingee Machine Company on Route 120 in Cornish Flat or from any Fire Officer.

The new Engine 2 was placed in service last March, which was built by Dingee Machine. Many firefighters and town's people donated their labor and talents in the remodeling project at Engine 2 Station greatly reducing the cost to the taxpayers.

E911 came on line throughout New Hampshire last July and the 911 Committee is currently working on house numbering and mapping for the town.

The Firefighter's Association bought new pagers (\$2,800) and four inch supply hose (\$8,165) this past year. The Auxiliary purchased two portable radios (\$1,500) for the Department as well as providing coffee, cold drinks, food, etc. when called upon. Thank you.

The Department lost three people this past year who were instrumental in shaping our department of today. Evelyn Allen, a founding member of the ladies auxiliary and key member of the original Tuesday night Bingo team, passed away September 2. Robert LaClair, a charter member, passed away October 20, and retired Assistant Chief Phil Reynolds, with 30 years of service, passed away January 2, 1996.

The Department celebrated the christening of Engine 2 at an awards ceremony held last June at the Trinity Church on Route 12A. Certificates were presented to all Firefighters with five or more years of service. Special recognition was given to the following retiring Firefighters: Andrew Kuhre with 50 years of service, Robert Hunt with 30 years of service, retired to Florida, Tim Bannister with 28 years of service and Pete Decatur with 25 years. The countless hours of volunteer time given to the town by these four men is unimaginable. Andy, Bob, Tim and Pete were honored with life memberships to the department.

The Firefighter's Association along with Plainfield and Meriden Fire Departments and Cornish Rescue Squad purchased a cascade air refilling system for \$8,595 which is housed in Engine 1 Station.

The Department sponsored a mutual aid drill on November 19, with Plainfield, Meriden and Windsor Fire Departments and Cornish Rescue to dispose of the former Eastman house located by the Town Offices on Town House Road, with 54 people participating.

During Fire Prevention week the department put on a fire prevention program for the school with Smokey Bear and held an open house at Engine 1 Station.

Remember, fire safety begins with a working smoke detector.

A call summary and the fire roster with individual years of service follows.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Monette, Fire Chief

Cornish Fire Department Officers  
All Officers Issue Burn Permits

Chief Michael Monette, 19 years Tele. 469-3390, work 469-3211  
 Assistant Chief Dale Rook, 26 years Tele. 675-5789  
 Captain Engine 1, Leo Maslan, 10 years  
 Captain Engine 2, Robert Rice, 24 years  
 First Lieut. Engine 1, Lee Baker, 13 years  
 First Lieut. Engine 2, Leland Atwood, 35 years  
 Second Lieut, Engine 1, Dave Wood, 24 years  
 Second Lieut. Engine 2, Dale O'Connor, 3 years  
 Safety Officer and Assoc. President, Robert Maslan, 8 years

Fire Fighters

Mike Boutilier, 2 years	Dave Kibbie, 10 years
Peter Burling, 15 years	Robert Kibbie, 6 years
Nathan Cass, 19 years	John Rand, 23 years
Larry Dingee, 14 years	Polly Rand, 13 years
George Edson, 8 years	Tim Rand
Steve Fellows, 13 years	Sandie Streeter
Bill Fitts, 19 years	Chuck Sullivan, 8 years
Jim Guy, 5 years	Doug Thayer, 11 years
Scott Kearns, 20 years	Paul Whalen, 1 year

Auxiliary

Cassie Sullivan, President	Cathy Dube
Marcia Paradis	Carrie Spaulding
Karen Strout	Lois Fitts
Amy Whalen	Bernie Johnson
Jackie Thayer	Judy Rook

IN-TOWN CALLS

Motor Vehicle Accidents	24	Structure Fires	2
Wires Down	10	Electrical Problems	2
Brush Fires	6	Fairgrounds	2
Public Assists	6	Lightening Strikes	1
Smoke Investigations	6	Private Alarms	1
St. Gaudens Alarms	5	River Rescue	1
Cornish School	5	Kitchen Stove Fire	1
Singing Hills	3	Propane Odor	1
Chimney Fires	3		

MUTUAL AID TO

Windsor	8	Ascutney	4
Meriden	4	Enfield	1
Claremont	6	Plainfield	1

TOTAL CALLS

1995	103	1992	79
1994	98	1991	101
1993	92		

# TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1995 REPORT

In Calendar Year 1995, our three (3) leading causes of fires were Children, Non-Permit fires not properly extinguished and Smoking Materials.

Violations of RSA 224:27 II, the fire permit law, and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Fire Officials, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. This also helps to prevent unnecessary response to a controlled burn.

<u>1995 Fire Statistics</u>			
<u>Forest Ranger Reported Fires</u>		<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	
Number of Fires for Cost Share			
Payment	465	Belknap	11
Acres Burned	437	Carroll	50
Suppression Cost	\$147,000+	Cheshire	39
		Coos	17
		Grafton	26
<u>Lookout Tower Reported Fires</u>	555	Hillsborough	71
		Merrimack	49
		Rockingham	106
Visitors to Towers	26,165	Strafford	78
		Sullivan	18

Local communities and the State share the cost of suppression on a 50/50 basis. The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local fire departments.

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

John Q. Ricard  
Forest Ranger

Michael Monette  
Forest Fire Warden

## CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1995 REPORT

In 1995, the Police Department saw an increase in activity that involved other towns and police agencies. An elderly woman who suffered from Alzheimer's disease got lost in Cornish and died in a wooded area off St. Gaudens Road. This incident involved the N.H. State Police, Vt. State Police, N.H. Fish & Game, Vt. Fish & Game, Sullivan County Sheriff's and Cornish Police Departments. This one incident consumed many man hours of all departments involved. An abduction in Claremont ended up involving Claremont Police, N.H. State Police and Cornish Police to apprehend a suspect after a short pursuit that was life threatening to two victims and five police officers. Claremont and Cornish Police were involved in a situation where a woman was abducted in Claremont taken to Cornish, assaulted and returned to Claremont. And Newport and Cornish Police were involved in a similar situation from Newport. All these incidents were major and have been solved. Cornish Police also had an incident that involved the entire department and solved a theft ring out of Connecticut. Two subject's were arrested for shoplifting cigarettes from the 12% Solution and it was found that they were coming from Connecticut on a weekly basis and hitting multiple stores in four towns. The N.H. State Police and Claremont were again instrumental in clearing up this case involving many man hours. It is a pleasure to be able to report that the Cornish Police Department has a very good working relationship with police from all the surrounding towns and the State Police. We have been able to help them, and they are here without hesitation when we call for them. This is very important in officer safety today.

This year the Police Department is looking to replace the 1991 Ford Police cruiser. It has over 100,000 miles and in the last half of the year has been showing its fatigue. One of the officers was also involved in a minor accident on icy roads that cost \$565.00 to repair. This car has treated us well but it is time to retire it.

The E911 system has been turned on in the state. This system is a definite asset to the community although it is not complete at this time. The mapping of the state is taking longer than originally planned. This is a vital part of the system. Because of the large geographical area that the dispatch is covering the telecommunicator answering your call is not familiar with this area and must rely on a good map and address to confirm the location of your call. At this time I don't feel I can predict a finish time of our maps. The system as it is, is far better than what we had. If for some emergency reason you can't communicate with the telecommunicator once you have dialed the phone. And I must admit that the number is quite unforgettable and easy to dial. (PLEASE READ THIS PART CAREFULLY) The old numbers on the orange stickers, that should be on every phone in Cornish, are still good. If you are not in danger of having to abandon a call and you would like to talk directly to a certain dispatch center you can still use these numbers. It is important that if you are in a dangerous situation you should use the 911 number because if you must leave the phone for any reason important information will be obtainable. When you dial 911 the call goes to a telecommunicator in Concord NH. The telecommunicator will answer the call and ask you what kind of emergency you have. Fire, Police, or Medical. Upon confirming the type of emergency you will be connected to the proper agency., At this same time the address information for the location of the phone you are calling from will be on a computer screen in front of the telecommunicator., The phone line is locked into the system until the telecommunicator is comfortable with the results of the call. If you should hang up the phone the telecommunicator will ring it back. If the call is not answered or the telecommunicator is not satisfied with the results of the callback the



police will be notified and will respond. For this reason it is very important if you receive a call and the individual on the phone identifies themselves as a 911 operator that you answer the questions asked. If you don't believe that the call came from your location keep this in mind. Are there other phones in the house, could someone else in the house have called that needs help, are there kids in the house that could have been playing with the phone, do you have a portable phone that the battery could be going dead on. These are all common reasons for 911 calls going into the system. There have been some unexplained calls into the system but not many.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for your continued support of the Police Department and its members. And a special thanks to my family and the families of our officers for accepting the pressures that part-time police work puts on them.

YOURS IN SAFETY  
Philip (Joe) Osgood  
Chief of Police



*The Cornish Fire Department took delivery on a new engine in March, 1995.  
The truck was built by Dingee Machine Company in Cornish Flat.*



# CLAREMONT

## NEW HAMPSHIRE, U.S.A.

R Craig Ohlson  
Chief of Police

Captain William T. Wilmot, Jr.  
Executive Officer

Cornish Police Department  
Townhouse Rd.,  
Cornish, NH 03746

*A Community that works...*  
January 09, 1996

Lieutenant  
D B Fontaine, Jr.  
B. James Dube  
Ronald B. Nelson  
Timothy J. Crouse

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the Cornish Police Department Activity Report for the period of January 01 - December 31, 1995.


Accidents	57	Alarms	37
Abandoned Property	05	Assist Other Departments	23
Animal Complaints	57	Assaults	02
Be On The Look-out	07	Burglary	02
Check Well Being	07	Criminal Mischief	11
Criminal Threatening	01	Criminal Trespass	01
Community Service	08	Civil Matters	01
Dog Complaints	53	Domestics	14
Driving While Intoxicated	02	Drugs	01
Littering	05	Fights	03
Fish & Game Matters	03	Fire Calls	05
Found Property	04	Harassment	09
Highway Matters	08	House Checks	06
Juvenile Problems	06	Keep The Peace	10
Lost Property	06	Medical Emergencies	15
Message Delivery	05	Manner of Operation	16
MV Stops	219	Noise	08
CHRV Complaints	01	Parking Problems	02
Police Info	35	Public Hazards	10
Remove Subject	02	Request Officer	35
Repossession	02	Request Transport	03
Restraining Orders	03	Serve Paperwork	10
Shots Fired	03	Suspicious Activity	39
Theft	13	Traces-911	03
Traffic Problems	07		

Total # of Calls- 824

Calls Handled by NH State Police- 04

It has been a pleasure serving you in 1995 and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Yours In Safety,

  
Barritt C. Bodkins  
Communications Specialist

Claremont Police Department

1 Police Court • Claremont, New Hampshire 03743 • 603/542-9538 • Fax 603/542-7015

## **CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1995 REPORT**

The Cornish Rescue Squad finished 1995 with a total of 148 calls, of which approximately half were in the Town of Cornish.

As usual, there is a continual struggle to keep up with our different levels of certification because it seems as though whenever you turn around there is some new, more time-consuming requirements placed upon us by the State. Just having said this and not wanting to discourage anyone, we are always looking for new members. If anyone has a desire, please feel free to contact me.

The 911 house numbering project seems to be moving along slowly. We can't stress enough the necessity of each individual homeowner, once you are assigned a house number, to please post it in a conspicuous spot for responding emergency personnel. In the same light, we all need to be using the new state-wide 911 telephone number. While not the perfect system we were promised, they are continually working to improve it. It is still better, even in its present state than what we have had previously.

Larry Dingee,  
President

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1995 REPORT**

The following services were provided by the Health Department (in cooperation with other town departments) in 1995.

1. Inspection of two day care facilities for relicensure.
2. Assistance in resolving the Elementary School's water supply problem.
3. Inspection of the Cornish Fair food facilities.
4. Assistance in resolving a situation in a private home involving animal overcrowding and poor sanitation.

Theresa Masters  
Town Health Officer

## **OVERSEERS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE 1995 REPORT**

The past year was an unusually difficult one, and the resources were stretched to the limit in order to meet emergency and on-going needs within the town. An increased caseload along with the temporary suspension of the fuel assistance program contributed to a budget deficit. This was minimized, however, by maintaining our services on a volunteer basis and by referring applicants to state and county resources whenever possible.

Our thanks to Cornish residents, town officials, the United Church of Cornish and organizations throughout the county who have assisted us during the year.

Martha Zoerheide  
Judith Kaufman  
Connie Kousman

## **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

### **1995 Report**

We would like to thank the Boy Scouts for placing flags on the Veteran's graves before Memorial Day. Thanks also goes to the Cornish Highway Department for their assistance in many ways. This summer we cleaned out the brush in Chase Cemetery. The tractor is now seven years old and still in good shape.

Because the Cemetery Department does not wish to offend anyone we will not remove flowers, pots, flags, etc. before October 1st with the exception of dead and unattended plants. Please have anything you wish to save picked up by October 1.

Finally, we were saddened by the death of Christopher Brennan who had worked for us for the past two seasons.

John Rock  
Sexton

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST**

### **1995 REPORT**

During the year 1995 Supervisors held required sessions for the March 14th Town Meeting with registered voters totaling 1002. The March 25th School District Meeting required extra sessions, due to a change in the meeting date, which previously had been held prior to Town Meeting..

As usual, the posting and publishing of many notices was required for all meetings, as well as time to update the voter lists and the file cards used by the selectmen.

An annual problem for us is keeping track of people who leave the community in order to keep our voting lists current. The law requires that we notify them that their names will be removed from the list of registered voters in the Town of Cornish, which means much correspondence.

Time was also spent notifying other towns and states, to allow them to delete the names of those new people registering to vote in the Town of Cornish.

Making corrections to ready the checklist for posting prior to the 1996 Presidential Primary required an abundance of extra work during the month of November, and the budgeting process for the year 1996 (with its many elections) took a fair amount of time.

By vote of residents during the 1994 General Election, polls must open at 8 am. for all State Elections, beginning with the 1996 Presidential Primary. This will require many more hours of time paid to election workers, therefore adding costs to the Town budget biannually.

Ruth G. Rollins, Chairman  
Leland E. Atwood  
Robin C. Monette

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

### **1995 REPORT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met the second Thursday of each month as business required.

Three formal cases were heard in 1995, two requests for special exception and one application for a variance. Both special exceptions were approved, one increasing the number of children served by a licensed day care facility in Cornish Flat, and the other permitting use of agricultural land for guided pheasant hunting. The request for a variance to permit the establishment of a temporary garage on a site with insufficient set backs resulted in a tie vote of the board. The effect of a tie vote is a rejection of the request for variance.

Karim Chichakly, Chairman  
Eric Webb, Clerk  
David Wood, Alternate

Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair  
Keith Beardslee  
William Balch, Alternate

# CORNISH PLANNING BOARD

## 1995 REPORT

1995 was a busy year for the Cornish Planning Board. As can be seen below there were 5 major subdivisions, 3 minor subdivisions and 7 annexations or lot line adjustments. In addition we held a public hearing on Driveway Regulations and subsequently adopted them.

The Community Attitude Survey (mailed to Cornish residents in 1995) results were tabulated and given to the Business Advisory Committee to assist them in making recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding business use in Cornish. This committee held many meetings throughout the summer and fall before presenting the Planning Board with their recommendations. Two public hearings were held and the amendments are on the ballot for vote at the 1996 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board meets the third Thursday of each month to hear cases relating to subdivisions, annexations/lot line adjustments and site plan review. Meetings are also held the first Thursday of the month to take care of other Planning Board business.

### 1995 ACTIONS

#### Major Subdivisions

Fred and Charles Weld  
Route 12A

Roger and Judy Gilbert  
Town House Road

Frederick and Anne Hier  
Lovejoy Hill Road

Ralph & Lorraine Cosseboom  
East Road

Paul F. and Isabella Tewksbury Estate  
Tandy Brook Road

#### Minor Subdivisions

Audrey and William Jacquier  
Route 120

Ray L. and Margaret E. Stone  
Mace Road

William Jr. and William III Wadsworth  
Tandy Brook Road

#### Annexations/Lot Line Adjustments

Raymond Demasi/Jeanne F. Lee  
Route 12A

Michael Yatsevitsh  
Fernald Hill Road

Barbara Lewis/Matthew & Kathleen Mulcahy  
Route 12A

Ralph and Lorraine Cosseboom  
East Road

Shirley Sullivan  
Cornish Stage Road

Richard Heim  
Sunrise Hill Road

Emerson/Bennett  
Town House Road

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Cheston Newbold, Chairman  
Anne Hier, Secretary  
Robert Maslan, Selectman  
John Hammond, Vice Chairman  
Jack Rock

Peter Storrs  
Kathi Osterlund  
Brian Meyette, Alternate  
Lee Baker, Alternate  
Larry Dingee, Alternate



# TOWN OFFICE BUILDING REPORT

January 1996

The renovation and upgrading of the former Cornish Grange #25 building to accommodate the town offices was completed, and was occupied by the Selectmen and other Town Officials in the last week of February, 1995. No serious problems have been encountered since then. In the words of the Selectmen, "the building is outstanding".

During the year the charm and utility of the building were enhanced by Polly Rand's efforts in establishing, on the ground floor, the *Mill Brook Gallery*. This gallery exhibits artistic works by Cornish residents – drawings, paintings, photographs, and sculptures. Three showings have taken place as this report is written, with a third scheduled to open in March. There is no commission charge for works purchased from the showings. Mariet Jaarsma and Nancy Wightman assist with the hangings. The display pallets were made and donated by John Rand.

In accord with the wishes of many of the Town's residents the large lattice-steel tower, which previously served as a flagpole, was removed from the south-east corner of the property and replaced by a well-designed sign which designates the site as the Cornish Town Offices. Some preliminary re-grading and landscaping of the site was also done and a new more conventional flag pole was erected next to the building.

The second floor of the building continues to be used as a meeting place for the Grange members. Other organizations and individuals have also taken advantage of the facility.

A deteriorating residence, known as the "Eastman property", abutted the town office site to the south-west. The area of land was small, being about 0.4 acres and designated as tax map 6, lot 57 on the town's tax maps.

Warrant article 16, at the March 1995 Town Meeting proposed that certain town monies be spent to acquire the property for the purposes of removing the house and merging the land with the town office land. The motion failed by a vote of 64 nays to 58 yeas.

Following Town Meeting a private effort, led by George Edson, was launched to raise the necessary funds by private donation. Many people felt that its acquisition would enhance the town office property and prove to be to the financial benefit of the town in the long run. In addition, the owners indicated that they would like to see this happen. A reassessment of the property was carried out by the Town Assessor with the result that the value had dropped from \$70,200 to \$49,750. Following this the owners offered the property to the town at a price of \$30,000 – in effect offering the town a gift of over \$10,000.

As a result, George Edson increased his efforts at private fund raising and gained, from the Cornish Conservation Commission, a pledge to be the purchaser and to augment the privately-contributed funds by 10%.

Subsequently the sum of \$20,000 was raised from private sources, and \$2,000 was added by the Conservation Commission. The owners accepted \$21,730 with the stipulation that it be augmented by any additional funds raised after the date of purchase, up to a total of \$30,000. Further, the obligation for additional payment expires on March 12, 1996. To date, an additional \$2,400 has been donated by Cornish residents. The property was acquired by the Cornish Conservation Commission. The combined sites, which total 1.7 acres were surveyed in the fall of 1995 and a detailed plan is on file at the Selectmen's Office.



Certain metal portions of the house were removed by the former owners and the storm windows were donated to a needy Cornish resident. Subsequently the Cornish Fire Department held several smoke and fire training sessions at the house and, on Sunday, November 19 , the entire structure was removed by burning. The fire departments from Cornish, Plainfield, Meriden, and Windsor participated; as did the Cornish Rescue Squad and the Fire Department Ladies Auxillary. (See photo below) The burn area and the entire Eastman site was leveled by Don MacLeay as a donation of services.

The New Town Office Grounds Committee, under the Chairmanship of Don Snowdon has been charged with the task of melding the former Eastman property into the former Grange property in order to obtain a synergistic whole. Specifically, the committee has been charged with:

- landscaping;
- lighting; and
- parking.

The combined property extends from the bridge at the corner of Town House Road and Center Road, north some 510 feet along the centerline of Mill Brook to the confluence of the north and middle forks of that brook; thence about 220 feet along the centerline of the Middle Fork of Mill Brook; thence about 160 feet back to Town House Road such as to give the property a 288-foot frontage on Town House Road.

Alan Penfold  
for the Selectmen



Photo by Dick Gassett

## CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1995

1995 has been a busy year for the Cornish Conservation Commission. At Town Meeting we honored Lolly and Danny Hilliard with the 1994 Conservation Award. For the exemplary stewardship of their land, they were presented with a woodcarving by Cornish artist Augie Dworak.

In late April the Commission held its annual Green Up Week. In addition to Boy Scout Troop 332, many individuals helped clean up Cornish's town roads. The Cornish Highway Department was very helpful and picked up bags of trash. We thank them, and all the volunteers, for making the week such a great success. If you are interested in assisting with this effort in 1996 you can sign up at Town Meeting or call Nancy Newbold.

Alan Penfold met with the Commission to review with us the extensive map work he has done of Cornish's roads and wetlands. His work will enable the Town's Boards and Commissions to more effectively monitor and protect the Town's natural resources. We are indebted to Alan for the hours of volunteer time and expertise he has given to us. If you would like to see a copy of his interim report it is available at the Cornish Library.

For the Commission, the major focus of 1995 has been the purchase of the Eastman property which abuts the Cornish Town Offices. Working with the Selectmen, the Commission was able to acquire the property at a greatly reduced purchase price; the Eastman's donated at least \$10,000 of value. A public hearing was held on June 28, 1995 to consider purchase of the property with private funds. Over 33 people came to express their views. The property was purchased on July 13, 1995. The Commission pledged to match private contributions for the purchase of the property at a rate of \$10 for every \$100 donated. As of December 31, with the able help and guidance of George Edson, over \$25,000 of the \$30,000 purchase price had been raised. At this time the Commission is working with the Building Committee and the Selectmen to create a Master Plan for the area to include better parking, lighting, landscaping a small "park" area.

We welcome the public at our meetings and encourage you to join us. Our usual meeting time is the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Any changes are posted at the usual places.

Herricka Poor, Chairman  
Mariet Jaarsma, Secretary  
John White, Selectman  
Rae Ann Melloh

Mike Yatsevitch  
Nancy Newbold  
Brian Meyette  
Don Snowdon

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT 1995

Cash on Hand 12/31/94	\$44,446.92
Deposits/Appropriation 1995	3,000.00
Transfer to Eastman Project	-2,330.00
Current Use Penalty	294.00
Balance of Expense	.50
Interest on Accounts	<u>1,583.51</u>

Balance on Hand 12/31/95	\$46,994.93
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## Eastman Project

Private Donations	\$23,300.00
Transfer from Conservation Fund	2,330.00
Interest on Account	27.40
Transfer out to David Eastman	<u>-21,730.32</u>
Balance 12/31/95	\$ 3,927.08

## Rodney Palmer Fund

Balance 12/31/94	\$12,312.82
Interest on Account	<u>748.60</u>
Balance 12/31/95	\$13,061.42

## CREA Funds

Balance 12/31/94	\$6,926.51
Interest on Account	<u>229.85</u>
Balance 12/31/95	\$7,156.36

## CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION 1995 REPORT

The Directors of the Cornish Fair would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to all who participated in making the 1995 Fair the smooth and successful operation that it turned out to be. With the help of countless volunteers; the cooperation of exhibitors, competitors, performers, entertainers, and , of course, the fair-going public, we had a beautiful fair--a success from almost any perspective.

Attendance was up over the past three years; participation in all classes of agriculture, animal husbandry, arts, crafts, and homemaking skills seemed to be slightly ahead of the past few fairs. With our old standbys of oxen pulling, horse pulling, pony pulling, farm-horse competition, tractor pulling, the woodsmen's field day, and our latest addition -- the horse show, there seemed to be something for everybody to enjoy.

Our support of various youth groups continues. For example, 4-Hers earned in excess of \$6,000.00 in prizes and awards while the Boy Scouts and Future Farmers of America provided services to the Fair which, in turn, became a major fund-raiser for them. We are very pleased that the Fair provides fundraising opportunities for so many local volunteer organizations.

Most notable among the many small improvements made this year are the new parking lot near the pulling ring, a chlorinator on one of our wells, more electrical upgrading, a new announcing stand and repairs made at the pulling ring.

As we make plans for the 1996 Fair we remember that we lost a dedicated director at the death of Jesse Stone who was taken ill the last day of the 1995 Fair. He was a founding director of the Cornish Fair which, when begun 46 years ago, was created as a town fund raiser. He served as president from 1973 -1988, and vice-president in 1989-90. He also served as a State Fair Director. Jesse's love of agriculture and children helped to make the Fair a way of showcasing youngsters' 4-H projects. He saw the Fair as a way to promote agricultural interest and stimulate competition throughout Sullivan County,. Also to give individual organizations an opportunity to raise funds, while promoting a spirit of cooperation among those organizations. During his 46 years of volunteer service he saw the Fair grow from an event held in and around the town hall building, to an area of several acres -- a Fair that offered a variety of shows and entertainment for all ages. We will miss Jesse.

Again, thank you everyone.

Arthur Bailey  
For the Board of Directors



## SPIRIT COMMITTEE 1995 REPORT

The Spirit Committee initially singled out a project at the New Town Office but a broader plan is being prepared by the Selectmen and so the group decided to do a landscaping job at the front of the school in the place where the oil tanks had been removed. Peter Storrs and Wells Chandler constructed a perimeter using sawn 6X6 pine beams around the children's swings and then Ray Grace and Lois Fitts helped to spread pea stone in the enclosed area. Caroline Storrs and Sue Chandler spread bark mulch to do a finish grade. Many thanks to Bernice Johnson for her delicious doughnuts.

### Projects completed to date:

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|------|---|
| 1988 | Painting the exterior of the Town Hall and adjacent old School House  |
| 1989 | Painting the exterior of Town Sheds in the Flat and landscaping around the sheds and library.   |
| 1990 | Siding and painting of the school with tree planting at the school and in front of the Meetinghouse. Painting and stenciling (thanks to Polly Rand) of the interior of the Town Hall. |
| 1991 | Painting the interior and exterior of the Meetinghouse.   |
| 1992 | Painting the interior hallways and cafeteria in the school.   |
| 1993 | Landscaping and parking area improvement at the school.   |
| 1994 | Painting the exterior of the Town Hall.   |
| 1995 | Landscaping repair of discarded oil tanks at school.  |

Sincerely,

Caroline Storrs, Susan Chandler,  
and Nancy Newbold, Co-Chairpersons  
Kathi Osterlund, Susan Weld and  
Mariet Jaarsma



## CORNISH MEETINGHOUSE 1995 REPORT

The Cornish Meetinghouse had a relatively quiet year with a few needed repairs completed to preserve the building from moisture. Nate Cass volunteered his services using the Meriden ladder truck to help a person who specializes in slate roof repair install a moderate number of new slates. The Trustees express their gratitude to Nate and the Meriden Fire Department for their support in these needed repairs.

The clock is being routinely wound by Carlene and Jim Guy and Nancy Wightman and Audrey Jacquier who alternate weeks. Many thanks! Cornish Flat enjoys the hourly ringing of the bell!

The building is used regularly by the Historical Society and other organizations but is welcome to all who wish to use the building. There is no charge for any nonprofit Cornish organization; private requests can get a contract by calling the Trustees.

### Financial Report 1995

Balance on Hand 1/1/95		\$2,637.76
Income		
Interest Income	\$72.98	
Total Income		72.98
Expenses		
Fuel	\$ 48.36	
Electricity	117.29	
Maintenance	450.00	
Less Total Expenses		-510.92
Balance on Hand 1/1/96		\$2,199.82

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson  
George Edson, Treasurer  
Mark Burgess

Susan Chandler, Secretary  
Orville Fitch  
John Drythout, Honorary Trustee

## TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE 1995 REPORT

For the past year, 1995, there was \$3,500 budgeted for use by this committee. Brown River Bindery in Essex, Vt. renovated some very old town records--1767 through 1783. This company also renovated some Vital Statistics for the Town Clerk's department; Volume 56; records of 1859; 1900 to 1935; 1935 to 1937; and 1907-1937. Some of these will be on display Town Meeting Day.

Also accomplished this past year were a lot of the town's Trust Fund accounts, plus the Tax Collector's records, at Computac, Inc. in West Lebanon. These records were microfilmed. Left yet to be microfilmed are the minutes of the Planning Board, the ZBA, Conservation Commission, plus the Assessors' property map and any other maps we deem necessary.

Cost for all the above work totaled \$3,448.44. This left just \$51.56 in this account, which was absorbed into the town's General Account.

Needed for the year 1996 for old records renovation is about \$1,200 plus approximately \$1,800 for the rest of needed microfilming. This totals \$3,000 which amount is in this year's town budget.

The Committee believes this will bring the town records kept in the vault up-to-date as far as needed microfilming according to state laws.

As Chairman, I wish to give a big THANK YOU to Teenie Rock, who has done so much to keep us at this necessary work. Reigh Rock, our Town Clerk, has cooperated with us on this project. Much appreciated. Thanks, Reigh.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Johnson

Note: By "town record renovation" this means the acid in each sheet of paper and ink is removed by a special process of bathing in chemical solutions. This chemical bath lays a thin "buffer" on the pages to prevent further deterioration. Then the books are given new bindings and covers.

The state decrees what records are to be microfilmed, then kept permanently, or destroyed in a certain period of years.

An idea for the future, is to buy a microfilm reader to have in our town offices so all our old records may be studied right there.

## GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY 1995 REPORT

Nineteen-ninety-five was a busy year for the Library Bookmobile. Book mobile volunteers delivered materials on a monthly basis to Cornish residents unable to come into the library. In the past, we have depended almost exclusively on the New Hampshire State Library to provide us with large-print books for our bookmobile patrons. This year, thanks to a generous donation by the Park Grange #249, we were able to start our own large-print collection. We will add to this collection each year. These large print books are now available to all our patrons.

An inspector with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, performed an inspection of the library building in March. Six violations of the New Hampshire State Fire Code were found. As of this writing, five of the six violations have been corrected. The sixth will be corrected in 1996. A copy of the inspection report is available at the library for any interested residents.

Ginny Gage, longtime library and bookmobile volunteer received the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Special Library Award for 1995. Ginny was selected out of all library volunteers in the state for her hard work and dedication to the Cornish Library. She received her award in May, at the New Hampshire Library Association annual conference. We are honored to be associated with her.

The library was the source of two special programs this year. In May we held an American Girls Tea, a party for young fans of the American Girl book series. Fourteen young ladies and many parents attended the tea, which featured the American Girl dolls, author biographies, refreshments and games.

In October the library was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities. The grant provided us with books for a group reading of John Irving's A Prayer for Owen Meany, and a discussion of the book featuring New Hampshire College professor David Bradt.

Also in October, the Atherton family opened the library for Halloween. They provided treats and the library provided used books to 144 trick or treaters!

Thirty-one children signed up for the state sponsored summer reading program. Twenty of those children met or exceeded the reading goal they had set in June. Many children who did not reach their goal, made it at least halfway. Those who did reach their goal read a total of 237 books during the six weeks of our program.

Our summer storytime met with mixed success. The idea of a storyhour seems a popular one, though participation does not reflect this. We will continue to search for ways to reach our youngest patrons through library programs.

The library computer continues to be used by staff and patrons for both entertainment and serious work. A variety of research, word processing and information programs are available to patrons for in-library use.

This year, several long-time library volunteers "retired" from service, among them, Laura Woodward who had volunteered for 25 years! The library, as we know it, could not operate without the dedicated volunteer staff who work at the library each week. Their assistance, suggestions and cooperation make the library and its services possible. Thank you all for your help and support.

See you at the library!

Kate Freeland  
Librarian

### Circulation Statistics - 1995

People	3,068	Books	3,835
Magazines	326	Tapes	966
Copier	189	Computer	198

# GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

## Budget Report

1995 INCOME:		Change from previous year
Balance 12/31/94	\$ 483.71	\$ -17.71
Trust Funds	1,022.56	257.40
Town Funds	8,403.00	609.00
Interest	42.37	-4.34
Book Fines	197.83	64.48
Book Sale	70.50	-104.41
Donations	422.00	222.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,641.97</b>	<b>\$1,026.42</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES FOR 1995:</b>	<b>-9,692.57</b>	
<b>BALANCE 12/31/95</b>	<b>\$949.90</b>	

1995 INCOME (ESTIMATED):		Change from last year
Balance 12/31/95	\$949.40	\$465.69
Trust Funds	750.00	00.00
Requested Town Funds	8,269.60	-133.69
Interest, book sale, donations	300.00	00.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,984.00</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>
<b>1995 BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$10,269.00</b>	<b>\$47.63</b>

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTED FROM THE TOWN: \$8,270.00</b>
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Expenses	Estimated 1995	Actual 1995	Estimated 1996	Change
Librarian	\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00	\$3,770.00	\$130.00
Social Security	261.27	261.28	270.00	8.73
Medicare	61.10	61.10	63.00	1.90
Library training	150.00	84.19	150.00	0
Books	2,200.00	2,250.44	2,400.00	200.00
Periodicals	325.00	279.02	375.00	50.00
Audio-Visuals	300.00	287.73	300.00	0
General Supplies	130.00	307.87	200.00	70.00
Trustee expenses	25.00	10.00	25.00	0
Building maintenance	300.00	453.85	300.00	0
Janitor	574.00	574.00	576.00	2.00
Electricity	400.00	277.59	300.00	-100.00
Oil/wood	1,000.00	752.55	1,000.00	0
Telephone	480.00	360.55	450.00	-30.00
Postage	60.00	82.40	70.00	10.00
Advertising	30.00	10.00	20.00	-10.00

**TOTALS: \$9,936.37    \$9,692.57    \$10,269.00    \$332.63**

Librarian's salary: \$7.25/hour for 10 hours for 52 weeks.

Social security is figured at 6.2%, Medicare at 1.45%

## **CORNISH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1995 REPORT**

In 1988 private donations were obtained to have a professional architectural historian study Cornish houses. The objective was to lay the foundation for an historic district corresponding roughly to the "Cornish Art Colony". The professional, who worked for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, prepared write-ups on about 50 houses. She then applied to the National Register of Historic Places in Washington to include the "Colony" in its registry. The application is in process of review and revision.

The Cornish Historic District Commission is following the progress of the application for a rural historic district that focuses on the Cornish Art Colony. In addition, under recent state laws, certain areas in Cornish may be designated to be "heritage" areas. The Commission plans to investigate what could be initiated to protect such areas.

Any person interested in helping to preserve the historic heritage of the Town is invited to contact any one of the undersigned.

Tony Neidecker  
Nancy Newbold  
John White, Selectmen's Representative

Caroline Storrs  
John Dryfhout, Alternate  
Jenny Schad, Alternate

## **CORNISH HONOR SOCIETY 1995 REPORT**

Our Computer Program at the George H. Stowell Free Library, which is oriented for the primary benefit of Cornish students, remains in operation. Librarian Kate Freeland reports that the computer has been well utilized and at certain times, students are "waiting in line" for computer access. In addition, Kate has been able to use the computer to access library files in Concord.

For 1996, we are considering sponsoring online programs which could be utilized from the library. This sponsorship would be for a period of one year while the usefulness of these programs can be evaluated. It is anticipated that the addition of the online programs will stimulate use of the Honor Society Computer. Because of this anticipated pressure at the Library, we are attempting to organize and sponsor a Computer Club for the Cornish Elementary School. Such an organization, with its sponsors, could relieve the Librarian of some of the supervision that the computer has necessitated.

The Society has donated a CD ROM "book" by Bill Gates to the Library entitled "The Road Ahead." We believe that everyone will be interested in listening to (and watching) this very informative "book", so please ask about it on your next visit to the library.

Anyone interested in joining or supporting the Honor Society Computer Program with expertise or financial aid should contact any of the Trustees. If already online, you may contact us at [Vikard@AOL.COM](mailto:Vikard@AOL.COM)

### **Trustees of the Cornish Honor Society**

John White, Chair  
Bill Ardinger, Treasurer  
Ann Neidecker

Joanne Ardinger, Vice Chair  
Bernice Johnson, Secretary  
Mike Yatsevitch



## CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1995 REPORT

This past year was one of great loss for the Cornish Historical Society. On April 23, the day William Shakespeare's birthday is generally celebrated, we lost the Society's guiding spirit, Virginia Colby. For nineteen years she served both us and the community with unmatched magnanimity and devotion. Although she was fiercely loyal to both the past and the present of Cornish, she was never forward--yet always determined to save and preserve whatever shards of Cornish history came her way. To the extent that those remnants are pieces of information, many of them are incorporated into her eagerly awaited book, *Footprints of the Past: Images of Cornish and the Cornish Colony*, which will finally be ready for publication this year,. Thanks to the generosity of the town and the Selectmen, her valuable collection of Cornish memorabilia will become the heart of the museum that the Society is planning to install in the former Selectmen's office.

But Virginia was not our only loss. To name just a few of the more active members, there was "Diz" Barker, for years the Society's Corresponding Secretary, who graced the group with her friendly dignity. Robert LaClair, who was passionately interested in the past of Cornish Flat, died this year too; it is his photograph of the lumber operations in Corbin's Park that accompanies this report. Finally, Lawrence Hilliard, a quiet and faithful presence at our meetings, also died. He rejoiced in being introduced at our September, 1994 meeting to Carol Odell, the daughter of Dorothy Fuller, so that he could tell her how much her mother's songs had meant to him when he was a boy.

But lest we do nothing but cast backward glances, we should like to emphasize what we accomplished last year and what we plan for the future. We should like to encourage you all to heed our call for volunteers to refurbish the Selectmen's office and to plan to attend the meetings we are announcing for the first half of 1996.

Our meetings in 1995 covered a wide variety of subjects that, although not chronologically presented, ranged from life in the region during the eighteenth and nineteenth century to life in the present, and even to life in the future. In April the Society's Corresponding Secretary, Beth Lum, discussed what life might have been like in early nineteenth-century Cornish on the basis of a fascinating book of manners, which she discovered in her attic. If it were not life as actually lived, it was at least life as the author thought that it ought to have been lived. Jim Atkinson continued the theme of life in the nineteenth century by discussing the etchings of Stephen Parrish and Charles A. Platt, two Cornish Colony residents. There was interest in these two etchers because of the exhibition at the Hood Museum in Hanover about the impact of Charles A. Platt on the physical and artistic landscape of America and because Parrish introduced Platt to the etching process and was his first teacher. These discussions were complemented at the September meeting by a presentation given by Betsy Garret, Director of Educational Initiatives at Sotheby's New York. It was an illustrated lecture entitled "Domestic Details: Life at Home in the Upper Valley, 1750-1850." Her slides were primarily taken from paintings of the period.

In October we were brought sharply into the present when Caroline Storrs and the French Class at the Cornish Elementary School, spurred on by Cornish resident Annabelle Cone, shared their impressions of the other Aspet, the town in France after which Augustus Saint-Gaudens named his house in Cornish because it had been the birthplace of his father. Rebecca Baril, Lydia Durant, Sadie Dworak, and Emily Pierce entertained us with descriptions of their travels in Paris and the Pyrenees and Tony Neidecker suggested the direction the future might take with his discussion of the project to make twin towns of Aspet, France and Cornish, New Hampshire. We had already been prepared for what the future might bring when at our June meeting John Dryfhout, the Superintendent and Curator of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, talked to us about how the new, computer generated technologies will result in greater access to the visiting and scholarly public of all the works of Augustus Saint-Gaudens. This increased availability should also result in new approaches to interpreting the achievement of Saint-Gaudens.

Not to be left behind as the wave of the future pours in on us, the Society successfully sought a grant from the Connecticut River Valley Partnership Program so that we could cooperate with the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in developing a laser disk project that would gather together a compendium of the accomplishments of all the artists and writers

connected with the Cornish Colony. When this project is completed, there will be a photographic record permanently entrusted to a laser disk both of what they produced and of what their private lives were like. The scope of this project should also greatly increase the general public's awareness of this circle of friends of Saint-Gaudens, which had a significant impact not only on the local area but also on the art and culture of the United States during the period from 1885 until the end of the First World War,.

Other meetings and events of the Society that we hope are of interest to the community in the coming year are:

- 9 April: For all those who missed the festivities connected with the dedication of the Farragut Memorial at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site on 10 July in 1994--and for those who would like to relive the event--we shall present a videotape of this celebration.
- 20 May Greg Schwarz, Chief of Interpretation and Visitors' Services at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, will give a talk about one of his favorite Revolutionary War leaders, Major Benjamin Whitcomb, known as "The Dreaded Scout," whose activities in our region were exciting.
- 30 May The Annual Bake Sale, in conjunction with the observance of Memorial Day at the Meeting House in Cornish Flat.
- 11 June We shall try to arrange a visit to one or two gardens in town so that we can see how the tradition from the Cornish Colony has persisted even in 1996.

The Society received many kind donations from current and previous Cornish residents. In addition to Virginia Colby's collection, generously donated by her son George M. Reed, the estate of Robert A. LaClair, administered by Marilyn Garrow of Meriden, entrusted his collection of books, ephemera, and photographs to us. We also received books and ephemera from Charles Bugbee, Mary Brown Desautels, John Drythout, Nancy Norwalk, Hannah Schad, and the Shumway family concerning their relative Hettie Beaman Lakin Shumway.

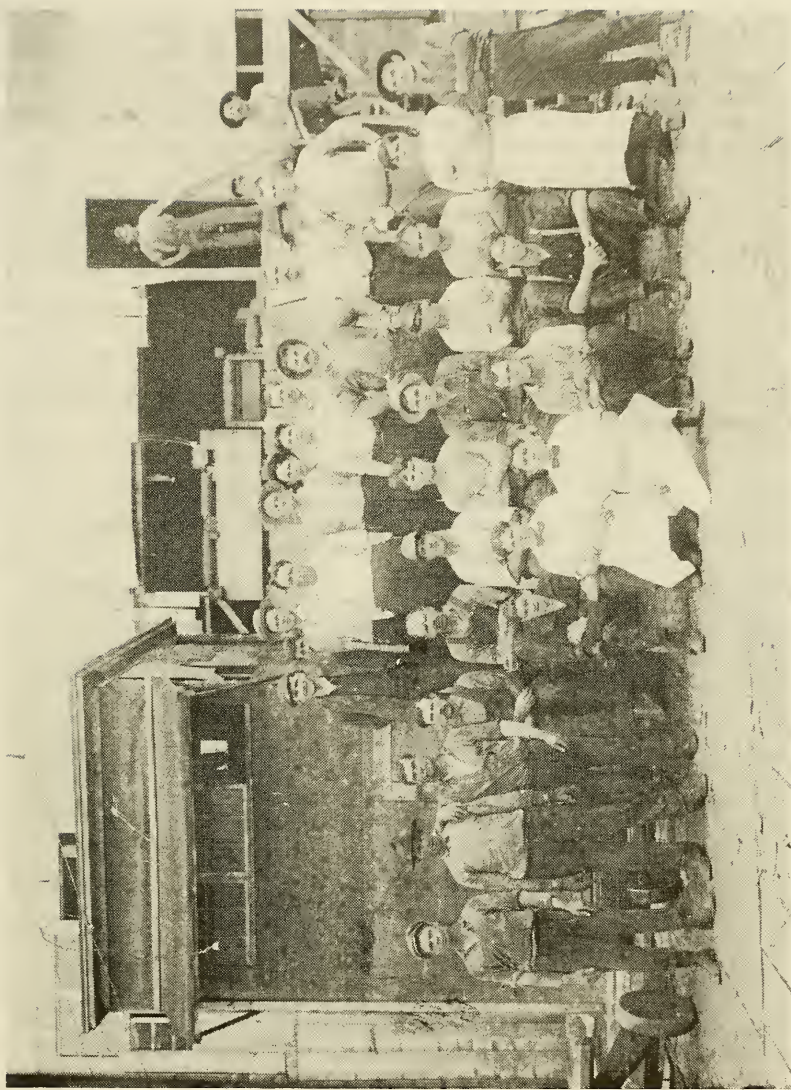
Finally, we offer the following items for purchase to help further the work of the Society. They are available during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, at the Bittersweet Antiques Shop in Cornish Flat, and from Ethel Nelson:

- *Revolutionary War Papers*--General Jonathan Chase,
- *History of the Town of Cornish*, Volumes I & II (1975 reprint)--William H. Child
- *History of Cornish, New Hampshire*, Volume III--Barbara E. Rawson,
- *A Brief History of Cornish, 1763-1974* (1991 reprint with Supplement), Hugh M. Wade.

The above Supplement describes and illustrates the town's four covered bridges, its four historical highway markers, and its recent town buildings., It also provides an index of Cornish Residents from 1961 to 1974: a list of everyone who lived in town but was excluded from the genealogies published in the two most recent town histories, Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge note paper, postcards, tiles, and sterling silver and bronze metals.

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore, the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President  
Marie Steven's, Vice President  
Bernice Johnson, Secretary  
Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary  
Hannah Schad, Treasurer



Mess Hall at the Lumber Camp in Corbin's Park, early Twentieth Century (Courtesy of the Estate of Robert LaClair)



# CORNISH RECYCLING COMMITTEE

## 1995 REPORT

### The oldest (1977) volunteer-run recycling center in NH

The new glass bins which were completed last year have proven to be quite effective. Collection of the crushed glass from the bins is more effective than the old method of having to manually haul the metal drums into the bucket loader and then empty them into a dump truck. Not only is it time and energy effective, but the backs of many appreciate the upgrade. It needs to be emphasized that proper sorting of glass is of utmost importance. If glass is found to be contaminated with inappropriate color or type (i.e., window glass may not be recycled) it will be rejected. We therefore are asking all recyclers to leave glass on the tables for the volunteers to check. A revised brochure which explains the various items which can and cannot be accepted will be available in the newspaper storage shed.

Magazines and junk mail are now being accepted. There are barrels in the plastic/cardboard recycling shed for this purpose. With these additional items, we can now accept 60% of your trash for recycling.

21.27 tons of recyclable materials were processed in 1995. The Center processed 811 pounds of aluminum, 7,070 pounds of newspaper, 4,000 pounds of cardboard, mixed paper and brown paper bags, 4,847 pounds of junk mail/magazines, 3,466 pounds of steel cans, 19,440 pounds of glass, 140 pounds of batteries, 2,668 pounds of plastic, and many deposit bottles and cans.

The company previously providing regular service is no longer collecting the Center's recyclable goods. The committee has been gathering information and speaking with various companies to arrange regular pick-ups at the center. During the last half of the year a regional company cleared the Center of all but the redemption items and glass on a no fee, no income basis. Although this realized a savings during the 1995 year, this service was not guaranteed for further pick-ups and a fee for hauling may resume in 1996.

#### 1995 Expenses

Transportation	\$655.00
Education	132.60
Maintenance/Dues	156.85
Total Expenses	\$944.45

#### 1995 Income

Deposit cans	\$312.80
Aluminum	133.00
Newspaper	195.20
Total Income	\$641.00

The Center is preparing a product for market which means that items must be clean, compact and sorted. Check aluminum on the magnet provided (aluminum does not stick) until you know your brands. Please remember to keep Vermont deposit plastics, cans and bottles separate to be placed in the shed for redemption.

The Center is opened every Saturday, 9 to 11, except on holiday weekends, until plowed after storms, and by chance if -10 F or colder. The Center's operations depend upon volunteers. Please consider volunteering, if only once or twice during the year. New members of the community, as well as the old, are encouraged to sign up to assist with Saturday operations, minor repairs, publication assistance, community education or any other area where your skills and interest could be of help. A considerable savings is realized by keeping the center volunteer operated, and it is a great opportunity to meet those in the community who frequent the center. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for additional information.

Donna Bleazard  
Leigh Callahan  
Rev Wightman

Richard Thompson  
Nancy Wightman  
Janice Orion

Connie Kousman  
Pat Pinkson-Burke  
Barbara and Paul Atherton

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
(SCRRDD)  
1995 REPORT**

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1994, as I reported in last year's Town Report, that "put or pay" contracts like we have with Wheelabrator are illegal because they are monopolistic and interfere with inter-state commerce. Wheelabrator has proposed a new contract to get around the high court's decision. In my opinion, the new proposal is worse than the original contract because it requires property tax payments from Cornish. The town would also be penalized for waste reduction and recycling.

Political and legal maneuvering in 1995 by factions among district representatives from both Vermont and New Hampshire has resulted in administrative and structural changes that are not in Cornish's best interests. Arbitrators, in my opinion, took away legal rights held by N.H. towns and SCRRDD. We should expect attempts by the NH/VT Solid Waste Project to tax Cornish for Wheelabrator charges. I will oppose such efforts.

Vermont Town Meeting voters will choose whether or not they want their Attorney General to seek a court ruling that invalidates the Wheelabrator contract. Legislative investigators believe NH and VT voters were denied a vote on long term debt.

The list of trash incinerators that have closed recently continues to grow with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and University of NH plants closest examples. The Rutland, VT incinerator has been converted to a recycling plant. A shortage of trash and/or expensive retrofits for pollution control are the usual reasons for closing.

Improved recycling markets and technology now make residential recycling more convenient. Discussions have begun with Cornish haulers to bring a mixed containers (bottles and cans) and a mixed paper category to residents who have their trash picked up.

I support the move to have a committee of Cornish residents study back-up disposal options and withdrawal from the Incinerator Project.

William E. Gallagher  
Cornish SCRRDD Representative  
Donna Bleazard  
Alternate Representative

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**Materials in Municipal Solid Waste**  
by weight  
(Source: Consumer Reports)

Paper and paperboard	37.5%
Yard wastes	17.9%
Plastics	8.3%
Glass	6.7%
Food wastes	6.7%
Wood	6.3%
Ferrous metals	6.3%
Textiles	2.8%
Rubber and leather	2.4%
Aluminum	1.4%
Other	3.7%



## NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT 1995 REPORT

This past year, 1995, was one of significant accomplishment for the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. Importantly, two major negotiations with Wheelabrator were completed. The first, resolved long standing disputes between Wheelabrator and the Project dating back to 1992. These disputes or "True-up" had to be completed before contract negotiations could begin. The second reached agreement on a new "accord" with Wheelabrator that sets the stage for much lower costs for disposal of waste in the years ahead. The impact of these negotiations, if ratified by the member towns, will result in the lowering of tipping fees and decreased future cost. This would be the first time in the life of the Project that a lowering of tipping fees has been achieved.

A question of fiscal control, "Arbitration" initiated by some NH District Towns was resolved by the American Arbitration Association. The dispute, though costly, helps to clear the air regarding the NH/VT Project operations and governance.

Perhaps the most important accomplishment during the past six months has been the gradual development of a new spirit of cooperation between districts and within districts to help resolve our difficult problems. By working together we may develop and implement innovative solutions to complex problems.

There is much to be done in the new year ahead including the ratification's of the proposed amendments to the Wheelabrator contract (accord) and the development of a new budget for 1996 based on the "accord". It is anticipated that the accord which is retroactive to 1995 will significantly reduce tipping fees and operational expenses. Additionally, we must resolve the question of Acworth, NH which unilaterally withdrew from the Project and the NH District leaving in question their financial obligations.

Many towns in each of the districts have a need to finalize their project 1996 budget. Unfortunately, because of the Wheelabrator negotiations the NH/VT Budget is not yet complete. Therefore, it is recommended that each town level fund their cost for solid waste disposal at a rate similar to that of 1995. It is anticipated that these amounts will decrease once the new budget is passed. Hopefully, this would be prior to town meeting day. It is much easier to go to the voters to ask for a reduction in budget than an increase.

I would like to personally thank all members of each District as well as members of the Joint Committee and Executive Committee for their help and encouragement during the past six months. Working together we can resolve the difficult problems that lie before us. Our goal is singular and attainable, that of providing environmentally sound and financially reasonable solid waste disposal opportunities for the citizens of the two districts.

Rick Kelley  
Project Manager

# CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS MT. ASCUTNEY SUBCOMMITTEE 1995 REPORT

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions has met monthly to work on its river corridor management plan and to advise the states of NH and VT, the Federal Government, and the Joint Commissions on local matters affecting the River.

We have developed the fisheries section of our plan, and have given a tour of fish nesting areas to NEP personnel to better coordinate impoundment fluctuations with critical spawning times. We have looked into river recreation, and have brought focus upon ways to avoid conflicts between river front camping and rare species or archeological resources. The especially rich and diverse habitat of the Connecticut River in our region, known to biologists as the Connecticut River Rapids Macrosite, is the focus of a new project that will provide mapping and potential support for work aimed at improving water quality and habitat, and we have met with biologists from both states to learn more about the special resources here

Our inquiry into water quality issues in our region has led us to draw state and national attention to the heavy algal growth at the mouth of the over fertilized Black River, bank erosion, road projects which may damage the river, toxics in the Sugar River, and heavy metals in fish. Our efforts are directed toward finding assistance for towns and citizens to address these concerns, and toward helping the public to better understand them. We are also concerned about the potential for degrading water quality and fisheries through land application of biosolids, particularly those that contain heavy metals. We think that citizens want and need to know more about how they can help, such as maintaining vegetated buffers along their waterfront property, keeping their boat wakes low to avoid causing bank erosion, and checking their boats to be sure they are not carrying milfoil or Zebra Mussels. We regret to report that we have discovered the first Eurasian milfoil on the river, at Hoyt's Landing.

The Subcommittee has been asked to comment upon several permit applications. In Charlestown, we recommended that a RR crossing bridge be replaced without damage to the riverside buffer near the toll bridge at the drainage. We expressed concern about parking lot runoff from a proposed upstream shopping center and loss of flood-dampening wetlands, and asked that runoff and snow storage be properly handled to avoid polluting the river.

The Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee, formed in January, 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes riverfront towns from Plainfield to Charlestown, NH and Hartland to Rockingham, VT, and by law, members who represent local government, local business, agriculture, recreation, conservation, and riverfront landowners. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Windsor House. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact the selectmen.

Cheston Newbold, Commissioner  
John Hammond, Alan Penfold, Members  
Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee

# UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1995 Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns, four in Vermont and 27 New Hampshire communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional publications, such as our **Regional Profile**, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as the Lake Sunapee Watershed Management Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series, and library which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Cornish residents have taken advantage of some of these services.

**In 1995 our work specifically for the Town of Cornish included:**

- Reviewed Community Attitude Survey results and assisted with the interpretation.
- Added adopted zoning changes to the Zoning Ordinance and printed a master copy for the town.
- Assisted the Business Study Group by researching and drafting zoning language in response to their request to provide this information.
- Provided Planning Board with a sample certificate of compliance.
- Organized a household hazardous waste collection for Sullivan County.
- Developed a one-page economic data summary for the Town.

## **Services Which Benefit all Member Communities**

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the district.
- Publish a newsletter to inform and educate our members about planning issues and events in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission and Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.
- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit.
- Use the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecast the population

- and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- Revise and update the Regional Plan
  - Sponsor planning board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont
  - Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
  - Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission.
  - Review land use controls and master plans and suggest amendments.
  - Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
  - Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

J. Cheston Newbold  
Cornish Representative

## **SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. 1995 REPORT**

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Cornish. Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a board of directors. The board of directors is comprised of 10 members all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our goal and purpose is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of our patients are home hospice patients. They have decided to remain at home under the care of their families and we provide most of our services in that setting. However, we are flexible enough to follow and serve patients and families in the hospital or nursing home setting as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, active listening, universal precautions, and grief. A few of the ways our volunteers might provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands, light meal preparation. These volunteers provide emotional support to both the patient and the family by being available to them, by listening, reassuring and encouraging.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, and from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group and a cancer support group. Each of these groups are open to anyone. We maintain a loan closet with hospital beds, walkers, commodes, and other equipment that is useful in the home setting. These are loaned at no charge and in some cases this service helps considerably to keep out of pocket expenses lower for the patient. All of these services are available to the residents of Sullivan County.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Annie Alcorn, Director  
Sullivan County Hospice



## **STOUGHTON HOUSE, INC 1995 REPORT**

Stoughton House, Inc. is requesting an appropriation of \$1000 from the Town of Cornish for the 1996 budget year. The coming year is fraught with change for all of us! We are very concerned how these changes will affect the people whom we have served for so many years. Following is a report of meals served and delivered to Cornish residents:

<b>Town of Cornish</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1991</b>
Meals Delivered	339	795	685	586	357
Nonresident Meals at SH	59	102	0	110	181
Total Meals	398	897	685	696	538
Total Cost*	\$1353	\$3050	\$1891	\$1682	\$1232
Appropriation	\$1500	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
Unrecovered Costs	(\$ 147)	\$2150	\$685	\$696	\$538

\*Includes food costs, personnel, packaging and transportation.

Nancy A. Worden  
Administrator

## **COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES, INC. CHANDLER HOUSE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY 1995 Report**

Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House programming is specifically intended to maintain the family integrity whenever possible and practical by providing education, prevention, intervention, crisis counseling and recreational services to the youth and their families of Sullivan County. These services are intended to empower the youth and their families to work out healthy solutions to their problems and to thereby prevent the out-of-home placement of as many at-risk youth as possible.

Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House maintain that by keeping the services local, and allowing the family members to remain in close proximity of each other, these intervention services are more effective.

Youth and families are the foundation of a healthy society. CYA's guiding principle is; to not just offer help to people, but to empower each youth and family member by strengthening family ties, promoting healthy alternatives and supporting diversity and encouraging community-based services and partnerships. This is accomplished by working closely with all area service providers, schools, courts, and police. Together, Community Youth Advocates and Chandler House strive to create innovative community resources that ensure the essential needs, of today's youth and their families, are met by supporting individual programs and other community endeavors.

During the past year we worked with a total of 6 youths from Cornish for a total of 53 contact hours.

Terry Thorburn  
Office Manager



# VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE 1995 REPORT

We are grateful for the continued support of the town in helping us meet the home care and hospice needs of uninsured persons in Cornish. All services are provided in collaboration with hospital discharge planners and/or with the attending physician and are available to persons of all ages and all economic means. Our VNA staff working out of the Windsor Branch office provide skilled services for people who may have had recent surgery, may be recovering from an acute illness or disability or may have long term care needs or who may need supportive care and symptom control services during a terminal illness.

While the majority of services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance; the town funds are critical in helping to support home care and hospice for people without insurance, inadequate insurance or the ability to pay for services. Town funds also help to subsidize blood pressure and screening clinics, foot clinics and flu clinics in the town. This past year, the VNA incurred a financial loss due to exceeding the subsidy available for the growing numbers of uninsured persons. Each year we hope this trend will reverse and that health insurance will be more available to everyone. However, we are now terribly concerned about the pending changes in Medicare and Medicaid and the impact on home care and hospice services. At a time when there are pressures to reduce hospital stays and freeze nursing home bids, it would seem logical that resources would be shifted to home care and hospice programs. We hope that will be the case.

The following services were provided in the Town of Cornish:

Home Care and Hospice Visits 7/1/94-6/30/95:

	<u>Visits</u>
Nursing	570
Physical Therapy	40
Speech Pathology	4
Occupational Therapy	7
Social Services	7
Home Health Aide	563
Total Visits	1,191

Hospice of the Upper Valley Volunteer Program Volunteers: 46 Hours

Flu Clinics 1994: 23 persons .

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

## **REPORT TO DISTRICT ONE CITIZENS**

### **By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor**

As Executive Councilor for District One, it is a privilege for me to communicate with the citizens of this town and area which are a part of District One of 98 towns and four cities.

The five member Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of Government. The NH House and Senate make laws and pass into law a budget. It is then the constitutional and lawful duty of the Governor and Council to carry out those laws and budget. The entire Judicial Branch of judges are all nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Council. The Governor and Council also nominate and confirm 267 Commissioners and Directors to terms of office in the various state executive branch departments.

The Governor and Executive Council also are required by law to nominate and confirm dozens of citizens to various volunteer boards and commissions. If anyone is interested in serving, they should forward their resume directly to Governor Merrill or my office at the State House. A list of these boards and commissions may be obtained by calling my State House Office at 271-3632.

The year ahead will prove challenging in the area of town, county and state administration of the recently passed House Bill 32 which reallocates, reorganizes most of the Health and Human Services Department of NH State Government. It is extremely important that local and county officials stay in close touch with their State Senators and State Representatives. I have asked Health & Human Services Commissioner Terry Morton to appoint at least 15-20 people from each county to act as advisers to this office as members of the advisory commission. If any of you are interested in serving, please call his office direct at 1-800-852-3345, Ext. 4331, or send him a note at his office on Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 expressing your interest.

As of this writing there is still about \$270,000 waiting to be matched by local dollars in the Economic Development Matching Grant Program and \$275,000 waiting to be matched in the Joint Tourist Promotional Program. Both of these programs can be accessed by calling 271-2411.

Some 9 million dollars is waiting at the Office of State Planning (Tele 271-2155) in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Any town, county, regional economic development council or other regional group is eligible to apply.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation has submitted our recommendation to the Governor on various projects submitted to us by towns and regional planning commissions. It is now up to the Governor to submit his recommendations to the House and Senate by February 15, 1996 and then it's up to those two bodies of state government as to the final disposition of the plan. I don't look for much in the way of new highways, bridges and transportation projects due mainly to lack of money. Hopefully, we'll be able to keep in good repair the transportation system we've got.

It is amazing the advice and technical assistance available in State Government to citizens, businesses and local municipalities. The Office of Industrial Development has a very attractive brochure listing technical, financial and community resources available for the asking by calling 271-2411.

Should my office be of help in matters relating to the Executive Branch, please know that I welcome the opportunity to respond. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Raymond S. Burton  
RFD #1  
Woodsville, NH 03785  
(603) 747-3662

Room 207  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-3632

## REPRESENTATIVE MERLE W. SCHOTANUS 1995 REPORT

The 1995 house session was expected to be contentious, and it was, with debate on the state's perennial fiscal crisis taking center stage. I again sat on the House-Senate Committee of Conference to reconcile the \$5.1 billion budget bill. The final solution relies on \$32 million in savings from reorganization of the 3000 worker Health and Human Services Department and another not yet received mysterious infusion of \$20 million from the federal government. A somewhat unique approach by the governor to balancing the budget included the introduction late in the session of six bills which would have given him sole authority to reorganize state government without legislative oversight. Needless to say, these efforts raised the level of debate which included threats of legal action, alleged violations of constitutional separation of powers, and remarks about the corner office not fit to print.

Leasing the state's ski areas was taken up by a legislative study committee in '95 and will again be seen in the news in the late spring of 1996. Competitive sale of electricity, or "retail wheeling", made its maiden voyage through another study committee. Public Utilities Commission orders for a pilot project, together with forthcoming legislative mandates, could result in reduced electric rates sometime in the next several years.

Education seemed to be the big loser in the '95 session. Federal Goals 2000 money was turned down by the state board of education in spite of a house resolution urging the governor to accept it. \$5 million for statewide kindergarten incentives was used to balance the budget rather than start kindergartens' and the cost effective School Improvement Program fell out of the budget during final negotiations on the FY 96-97 spending plan. All of these issues will be debated again in the '96 session.

The 1996 session is shaping up to be similar to the session of two years ago. Again, it looks as if there will not be a supplemental budget bill - a decision by the governor and legislative leaders that sells well politically in an election year but does not produce sound fiscal management. This is especially true this year since probable budget decisions in Washington will have a profound effect on our state and our towns as the federal government downshifts the costs of social programs. I will be working on several bills this session, including forester licensing; governance of the Sunapee water and sewer systems; funding the School Improvement Program; and hunting and tax bills involving the Blue Mountain Forest Association.

County government continues to operate smoothly thanks to good management by our county commissioners. In 1996 we will see major capital improvements to the county jail and to the Alzheimer's unit at the county home without an increase in county taxes.

If you need help with state or county government services, or wish to comment on issues before the legislature, please call or write to me in Grantham (863-2293, or HC 63, Box 628, Grantham, 03753) or in Concord (271-3165, or Room 105, Statehouse, Concord, 03301).

Representative Merle W. Schotanus  
District 3, Sullivan County  
Grantham



## REPRESENTATIVE SANDY STETTENHEIM 1995 Report

The previous year as your representative has been an active one and the present year promises to be similar. Revenue continues to be a major concern. As a state which has been heavily dependent upon federal sources, the proposed cuts from Washington will have a significant impact. The consequences will be felt locally since, according to present law, the towns have final responsibility for their residents. Economizing continues at the state level even though New Hampshire already has one of the lowest ratios of state employees per capita. As a state with one of the highest property tax rates in the nation, those of us from high tax towns have attempted to educate our colleagues with large tax bases of the consequences of their actions - or inactions.

The committee to which I am assigned, Executive Departments and Administration (ED&A), is one of the busiest - along with Finance, Judiciary, and Commerce. The bills on licensure and retirement effect many people and IF the committee recommends their passage, it is our responsibility that they be well reviewed by the subcommittee, especially their effect on the people of New Hampshire.

As clerk of the County Delegation, I sat in with the Finance Committee as the County Commissioners developed the budget. The county tax portion of property taxes did not increase, even though renovations are being made to the County Home to provide a practical Alzheimer's unit and to the County Correction Facility for security purposes. I am also participating on the ad-hoc committee which is reviewing the projected needs for long-term residential health care of Sullivan County residents.

I have appreciated working with residents and town officials concerning various bills and state agencies and look forward to doing so this coming year. As your representative, I will continue to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities to you. I am available in Plainfield (448-4655; HCR 64, Box 255, Lebanon, NH 03766-7607) or Concord (271-3529; Room 207, Legislative Office Building, 33 N. State St., Concord, NH 03301-3529).

Representative Sandy Stettenheim  
Cornish & Plainfield  
District 1, Sullivan County



Address by Representative Sandy Stettenheim Memorial Day  
Cornish Flat, May 1995

Photo by John White



# **Births Registered in the Town of Cornish** For the Year Ending December 31, 1995

Date Of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
03/25/95	Claremont, NH	Bourne, Paige Elizabeth	Jason Stillo Bourne	Christine Marie Stockwell
09/25/95	Lebanon, NH	Brooks, Christopher Michael	Jamie Paul Brooks	Michelle Marie Kearns
12/22/95	Lebanon, NH	Canon, Kate Denise	David Andres Canon	Denise Anne Donaldson
08/30/95	Lebanon, NH	Clogston, Taylor James	James Dennis Clogston	Jaime Lyn Kolenda
06/11/95	Lebanon, NH	Linowski, Harrison Stanley	Stanley David Linowski	Catherine Marie Johnson
01/14/95	Claremont, NH	Merrihew, Kyle Jacob	John Leland Merrihew	Krista Lynn Fellows
07/16/95	Claremont, NH	Michalenoick, Kody Thomas	Thomas Richard Michalenoick	Suzanne Ruby Jangel
12/28/94	Lebanon, NH	Saben, Michael Adam Jr.	Michael Adam Saben	Jean Alice Lafiam
05/13/95	Lebanon, NH	Shafman, Dylan Martin	Dale Martin Shafman	Desiree M. D'Ambrosio
07/11/95	Lebanon, NH	Smith, Samuel Elliot	Andrew Todd Smith	Ellen Mary Lavoie
11/21/95	Lebanon, NH	Thibault, Megan Alice	Randy David Thibault	Deborah Ann D'Antuono
01/17/95	Claremont, NH	Tyminski, Taylor Paige	Darrin Tyminski	Victoria Joan Rondos

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,  
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

## Date Of Marriage

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,  
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

# Deaths and Burials Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1995

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
12/01/94	Bedford, NH	Johnson, Ethel Langley	Unknown	Unknown
01/09/95	Lebanon, NH	Bauerdorf, Charles Frederick	Bauerdorf, Charles F.	Cahill Amy
02/05/95	Cornish, NH	Jones, George Frederick	Jones, Harry	Strong, Susan M.
03/12/95	Windsor, VT	Robinson, Frances Perkins	Perkins, William	Bradley, Aurelia
04/15/95	Lebanon, NH	Childs, David Allen Sr.	Childs, Gordon	Mossey, E. Mae
04/23/95	Cornish, NH	Colby, Virginia Hunt	Hunt, Issac C. Dr.	Rogers, Ruby
04/21/95	Concord, NH	Honey, Herman H.	Honey, Herman	Besaw, Kathleen O.
05/02/95	Windsor, VT	Thayer, Shirley Eloise	Fairchild, Ralph	Vadenberg, Emma
05/10/95	Claremont, NH	Bielarski, Violet M.	May, Nicholas	Mascintino, Julia
05/28/95	Lebanon, NH	Hinkley, Beverly Regis	Wood, Ralph	Blake, Winnie
05/30/95	Lebanon, NH	Mace, Frederick J.	Mace, Frederick H.	Rule, Eva
05/31/95	Cornish, NH	Goewey, Margaret A.	Bullock, Forrest A. Sr.	Harlow, Lillian
06/17/95	Weathersfield, VT	Tewksbury, Paul Freeman	Tewksbury, John M.	Lull, Elsie
06/21/95	Newport, RI	Palmer, Clarissa Platt	Platt, William	Littell, Margaret
07/09/95	Cornish, NH	Jenckes, Harriet Ely	Ely, Theodore W.	Williamson, Ethel M.
07/14/95	Cornish, NH	Littell, Susan Wilgus	Littell, Whittemore	Fosom, Helen
08/03/95	Cornish, NH	Eniti, Anita T.	Storti, Joseph	Piroli, Luigia
08/09/95	Lebanon, NH	Garrow, Mary Jean	Hatley, Robert	Judd, Martha
08/18/95	Worthington, OH	Goodwin, Mildred Hunt	Hunt, Edmund B.	Soule, Maude M.
08/21/95	Windsor, VT	Stone, Jesse L.	Stone, Harold	Stone, Willa
09/02/95	Claremont, NH	Allen, Evelyn R.	Smith, Otis	Streeter, Laura
10/08/95	Claremont, NH	Ott, Ruth P.	Prevost, Frank	Unknown
10/20/95	Unity, NH	LaClair, Robert Carter	LaClair, Ephraim	Thayer, Estella
11/10/95	Lebanon, NH	Lewis, William Schear	Lewis, Perley Linwood	Scheer, Nellie Cora
11/12/95	Charlestown, NH	Leonard, Shirley	Tierney, Joseph C.	Pinkham, Josephine
11/13/95	Claremont, NH	Brennan, Christopher Jude	Brennan, Donald	Hendershott, Susan
11/15/95	Cornish, NH	Berger, Elsie Hazel	Swartz, James Arthur	Schultz, Edith
11/20/95	Claremont, NH	Hilliard, Lawrence J.	Hilliard, Joseph	Emery, Florence
12/01/95	Cornish, NH	Barker, Isabelle Everhart	Everhart, Rollin O.	Simmons, Gertrude
12/09/95	Cornish, NH	Richards, Daniel Thomas	Richards, Eric K. Sr.	Camp, Martha
12/10/95	Hartford, VT	Rock, Russell Edward	Rock, John	Randall, Sarah
12/30/95	Cornish, NH	Waterman, Katrina	Biril, Ralph	Beaulieu, Margaret

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,  
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk





ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
**Cornish School District**

March 1996

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**Officers of the School District**

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Shirley Bladen
Moderator	George Edson

**School Board Members**

Richard Thompson	Term expires 1996
Brenda Jordan	Term expires 1996
Ray Evans	Term expires 1997
Myron Kuhre	Term expires 1997
Theresa Scott	Term expires 1998

**Auditors**

Plodzik & Sanderson

# REPORT OF THE CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

## January, 1996

The search for a new school principal, initiated by the board and conducted with the enthusiastic participation of the school staff and community members, resulted in the hiring of Mr. Scott Kalter of Lyme, NH, who took over the operational leadership of our school in July 1995. Scott comes with extensive experience as the principal of the Lyme elementary school for many years. It is the sincere hope of the board that the synergy that develops between Mr. Kalter and the Cornish community will eliminate the necessity of another principal search for quite a while.

Also, as this report is written, SAU #6 is in the midst of a superintendent search again. As with our principal search, school board members are frustrated with the recent frequency of these searches and the time and costs involved in them. This time the SAU Board has retained the services of NESDEC (New England School Development Council) to coordinate this search. It is our stated objective, as an SAU Board member, to find and hire a superintendent who will fulfill our collective criteria and who will become the master educator for Cornish, Claremont, and Unity for at least 8–10 years. The board would like to thank Mr. Fokion (Fo) Lafionatis for his active role as interim superintendent for 1995–96.

The 20,000 gallon #2 fuel oil storage tank which had been buried in front of the school for over 20 years was dug up and hauled away in June 1995. This tank was still in good condition, with no leaks, but had exceeded the legal time limit for use of an underground fuel storage tank. It was replaced in November with a 4,000 gallon "Elutron" fiberglass-coated tank (manufactured in Claremont) which was buried closer to the boiler room, with all the required overfill controls and alarm systems. The project was primarily financed through an \$18,000 withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund, as approved at last year's school district meeting.

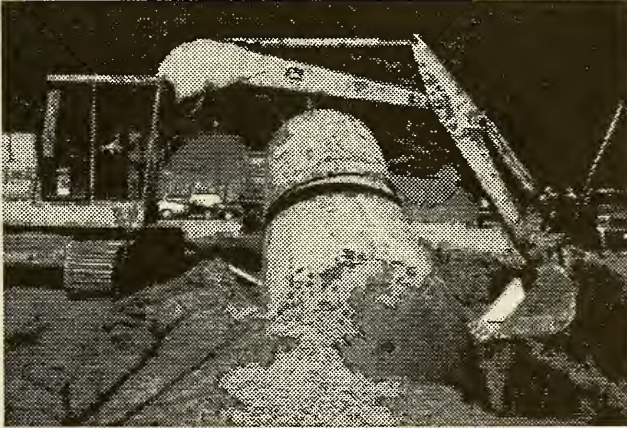
The other major capital project, for which \$14,000 was appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund, is being completed as this report is written. This project involves replacement of all interior and exterior lighting fixtures at the school with new energy-saving tubes and ballasts. Matching funds for this project come from a Federal Energy Grant, applied for and approved through the efforts of our building maintenance committee and the SAU office. This revamp should result in electrical energy savings while providing adequate levels of lighting throughout the school.

We continue to experience growth in the Cornish school-age population. Our K-8 school now services over 240 students while our district high school students number about 80. Instructional space in our elementary school and the availability of the number of high school options, which our students and their families have enjoyed, are an ever-increasing concern with each passing year. Some time ago it became obvious to our board that a formal strategic planning process for fulfilling the future educational needs of our town is needed. We have therefore committed to implementing the process of establishing a District Educational Improvement Plan in April 1996. The entire community will be asked to become involved in this effort.

The board wishes to thank all in the community who work so hard to make the Cornish school such a special place. We ask for continued involvement in the numerous activities connected with the development of our young people into responsible citizens.

Ray Evans, Chairperson  
Richard Thompson, Vice-Chairperson  
Brenda Jordan  
Myron Kuhre  
Terrie Scott

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Removal of the old oil tank – April 1995

## SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE REPORT

### SAU #6

The Cornish School District completed another successful school year in June 1995. This was characterized by having provided opportunities for the School Board, administration, staff and community to select a new building principal, explore and improve instructional programs, and provide adequate resources for quality educational experiences. These accomplishments are a shared community experience in endless hours realized by those who participate in principal searches, the building and maintenance program, the budget/finance, and curriculum committees as well as athletics, the Building Leadership Team and School Board. These are just a few of the low pay/no pay volunteer activities that are helping to affect positive results in the school community.

A major step in leadership has been the hiring of the new principal, Mr. Scott Kalter. He brings to the community many years of experience and a view of elementary/middle school education that the interview committee felt best suited the needs of the Cornish Elementary School and the community which it serves. Certainly, a key factor for the continued success in the School District is the leadership at the School Board, administrative, staff and community levels and their willingness to cooperatively examine their needs and plan for the future.

In regards to future planning, the School Board and administration have committed to initiating a Strategic District Education Improvement Plan in April/May 1996. This planning effort will involve a cross-section of representation from both the school and community and will have the responsibility to examine:

- the information about student learning that should determine a district's educational goals;
- a plan for linking assessment, instruction, curriculum, and professional development to district goals; and
- how resources are allocated and improvement is defined according to the district's goals.

In total, the committee has the responsibility to look not only at the "child and learning", but the detractors or obstacles that may be a deterrent to achieving a positive outcome. It is a very powerful process and will provide an excellent opportunity for both introspection and celebration.

The good news regarding finances of the district is that the 1994-95 school year ended in the "black" by \$14,199; this was used to reduce the tax levy in 1995-96. Currently the school budget is sound with no problems in either revenue or expenses which is a tribute to the effort expended in developing the budget.

As always, we are pleased to serve the Cornish School Community knowing that our effort will continue to support the delivery of a quality educational experience for all concerned. Our best for the 1996-97 school year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Caldon, Ed.D  
Assistant Superintendent



## Teachers' Report

February 1996

During the past summer Ruth Schneider, Sandra Redlands, Chantelle Orlen, Ros Seidel, and Sue Russo attended the *Activities Integrating Mathematics and Science* (AIMS) course for master-level credits, which was given in Claremont. Their classrooms heavily reflect the many ideas and lessons that were shared.

Sandra Redlands attended a five week course on computers called *Conscious Creations* at St. Pauls School in Concord. That experience led to many computer and internet interactions for the upper wing students. An exciting frontier for information is reaching individual children. We still have miles to go, but at least we are walking in the direction of new technology.

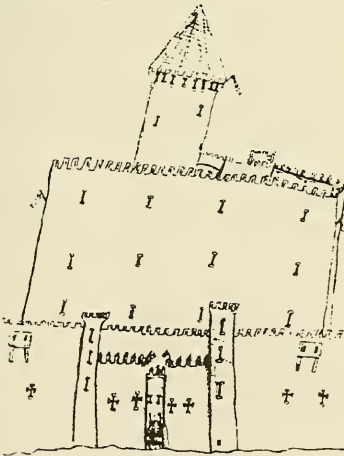
Linda Fuerst took advantage of the Montshire Museum's two week training entitled *Animal Inquiries*. Under a Hughes Foundation grant the museum is developing a curriculum which will teach children to set up investigations of animals, much like a scientist would. Linda will be working closely with the museum and its staff over the next two years as she exposes her students to this inquiry-based science effort.

Ruth Little and Caroline Storrs visited France with four students. This is part of an exchange program with the town of Aspet, France, and students from there will visit in Cornish this coming summer.

Sue Russo, Linda Fuerst, Dawn Crary, Ros Seidel, Chantelle Orlen, Eloise Ginty, and Linda Coolidge are working on a concept known as *The Responsive Classroom*. The focus is to develop teaching practices that build a strong social curriculum and developmentally appropriate teaching practices.

The teachers wish to thank Dick Ohlweiler, our math teacher who is retiring in June, for his time and dedication to the children and community of Cornish.. His skill and knowledge in math will be very hard to replace as he leaves us to begin new adventures as a "retired teacher". The children of Cornish have also enjoyed many 'extras' with him, including: the high school algebra course, math teams, wrestling matches, cross-country skiing, and golf lessons. Good fortune Dick!

To the Town of Cornish we say **Thank You**. Please come to the school for a visit and see *your* school in action.



Submitted on behalf of the teachers  
at the Cornish Elementary School  
Sandra Redlands

Drawing by Daniel Monette  
Grade 4

# STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## The Elementary School (1/6/96):

Kindergarten	28	4th Grade	18
1st Grade	16	5th Grade	25
2nd Grade	35	6th Grade	23
3rd Grade	21	7th Grade	32
3,4 Multi-age	11(3)+8(4)	8th Grade	26
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 243			

## Public High Schools (1/4/96):

	CLAREMONT	HARTFORD	HANOVER	WINDSOR	LEBANON	TOTAL
9th Grade	5	11	3	3	0	22
10th Grade	5	5	2	1	0	13
11th Grade	3	12	4	4	1	24
12th Grade	6	8	2	3	0	19
TOTALS:	19	36	11	11	1	78

## TEACHERS - Elementary School

Scott Kalter	Principal
Linda Coolidge(1/2)	Kindergarten
Eloise Ginty(1/2)	Kindergarten
Chantelle Orlen	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Susan Russo	Grade 2
Rosamond Seidel	Grades 3,4 (multi-age)
Ruth Schneider	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst	Grade 4
Bonna Weiler(1/2)	5&6 Language arts, Math&Science
Ruth Cassidy	5&6 Language arts, 5 Soc. Studies
Caroline Storrs	7&8 Language arts, 6&7 Soc. Studies
Ruth Little	7&8 Language arts, 8 Soc. Studies
Richard Ohlweiler	5-8 Math, 8 Algebra
Sandra Redlands	5,7,8 Science
Sharon Oszejca	Spec. Ed. specialist
Heidi Nichols	Spec. Ed.
Drewanne Reed (0.7)	Title 1
Christine Hawkins (2/5)	Art
Ann "Sande" MacMaster(1/2)	Guidance
Jan Ranney (2/5)	Physical Education
Molly Bonhag (2/5)	Music
Kathryn Patterson (1/5)	Media Generalist

# CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

January 2, 1996

## CLAREMONT

GRADE 9

Molly Blair  
Jessica Call  
Jesse Nott  
Lukus Tewksbury  
Barry Williams

GRADE 10

Aerik Babral  
Adam Glidden  
Jessica Laplante  
Amanda Lukash  
Joshua Pierce

GRADE 11

Alyssa Chandler  
Allison Eastman  
Skylar Gendron

GRADE 12

Ross Ackerman  
Eric Atwood  
Christina Gilbert  
Amanda Page  
Stacy Rogenski  
Joshua Tewksbury

## HANOVER

GRADE 9

Meghan Bergeron  
Hayley Keefe  
Alexandra Lang

GRADE 10

Morgan Atherton  
Mathew Cosgriff

GRADE 11

Zachary Crosby  
Jabez Hammond  
Ian Saginor  
Misha Yatsevitch

GRADE 12

Amanda Blank  
Marijke Yatsevitch

## HARTFORD

GRADE 9

Randy Baril  
Douglas Caver  
Edmund Durant  
Angela Grace  
Brian LaClair  
Joshua Leblanc  
Andrew Moriarty  
Daniel Proulx  
Jamie Smith  
Matthew Wheatley  
Kathryn Williams

## HARTFORD

GRADE 10

Erin Amadon  
Sarah DeBoer  
Timothy Therriault  
Selena Wiltshire  
Bennet Zapletal

GRADE 11

Megan Ballard  
Ruth Birch  
Jonathon Brasseur  
Shawn Caffrey  
Daryl Caver  
Justin Goulet  
Mathew LaClair  
Tim Lord  
Justin Ranney  
Travis Russin  
Chad Tribou  
Gabriel Zoerheide

GRADE 12

Karen Burch  
Angela Conrad  
Jeremiah Goulet  
Shane Mispel  
Ryan Moriarty  
Hilarie Schubert  
Kristen Williams  
Melissa Zoerheide

## LEBANON

GRADE 11

Erin Barney

## WINDSOR

GRADE 9

Leigh Canon  
Katie Gray  
Andrea Neily

GRADE 10

Timothy Joyce

GRADE 11

Mellisa Cowdrey  
Andrew Guyett  
Daniel Kelbalka  
Matthew Rathbun

GRADE 12

Aaron Drury  
Destiny Gray  
Steven Newcomb

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 1996

As part of this year's report, I would like to focus on two areas of the Cornish School program that often get little public attention. These areas have shown up in our recent Building Leadership Team survey as programs about which more information is needed by the community. We encourage the general community to ask questions, make suggestions and be part of the decision making process as we continue to move the Cornish School closer to the turn of the century.

## ***Special Education***

Special education programs, as defined by Federal law PL 94-142, represent one of the significant changes in public school domain over the last twenty years. Our school budget reflects these changes and has grown dramatically over the last decade in particular. Below is a brief overview of what we call Special Education.

The goals of Special Education Services are:

- to provide special education and related services to educationally handicapped students;
- to effectively instruct and assist students who have educational disabilities;
- to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

An educationally handicapped student is defined as any person 3 years of age or older, but less than 21 years of age, who has been identified and evaluated by a school district according to the provisions of *New Hampshire Standards for the Education of Handicapped Students*, and determined to have an educationally handicapping condition; and who, because of such a condition, needs special education and educationally related services. There are over a dozen conditions covering areas such as specific learning disabilities, autism, emotional handicaps, and speech- hearing- and vision-difficulties.

The process of identification and evaluation of a student begins with a referral that may be made by anyone who is associated with, and responsible for, the welfare of a child. Upon receipt of the referral, a multi-disciplinary team approach is used to determine the eligibility of that student for services, to determine appropriate services, and to make an appropriate educational placement.

The Cornish Special Education Staff includes two special educators (one full time and one half-time), a part-time speech therapist, a full-time paraprofessional, three child-specific paraprofessionals, and a part-time Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Other certified professionals, including a school psychologist, may be needed and are contracted with as appropriate.

The current Cornish caseload is just over 40 students. This number changes as students enter and leave the Cornish school system.

## ***Guidance & Counseling***

School counseling services are available for every student, not just those who are in crisis conditions. Counseling is offered for those who are healthy functioning students in an effort to help them capitalize on their strengths and abilities so as to reach their potential. Proactive individual and group programs are offered at all grade levels. The counseling program includes educational, social/personal, and career topics. Specific programs include: personal safety, self esteem, decision making, friendships, peer helping, assertiveness, conflict resolution, divorce and drug/alcohol awareness.

The counseling program also seeks out and arranges outside programs to be presented to our students. These programs help contribute to our student's social, emotional, and educational growth. The school counselor is available to consult with parents on an as-needed basis or upon staff or administrative request.



The counseling department and the school nurse are working together on an Adolescent Issues program to be presented to the upper wing (5–8) students. Both the School Board and the community have assisted in its philosophical design, and the program's effectiveness will continue to be evaluated as the year progresses.

### *K–8 Overview*

The teachers and staff at the school continue to spend a significant part of their professional effort working on various areas of curriculum development. As mentioned last year, Cornish teachers are well-represented on the SAU-wide curriculum committees in the areas of math, language arts, science and social studies. The lower wing (1–4) teachers are engaged in a comprehensive look at assessing student progress in the context of: new curricula and State curriculum frameworks; the State third grade testing program; and current best-practice research. The outcome of this study will be a better coordinated program for all students, a more responsive Report Card system, and an understandable set of grade-level curriculum summaries for distribution to parents and other community members.

Likewise, the upper wing (5–8) staff will present curriculum summaries for all subject areas. These student grades, known as our *Middle School*, have also been involved in the development of a social skills curriculum presently being implemented with all students in the Middle School.

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Personally, I continue trying to learn as many names as I can of students, parents, and community members. I have felt warmly received and hope that I have been able to meet some of the needs of this school and community. Although our PTO, Building Leadership Team, Building Maintenance Committee, School Board, and staff may think that all they ever hear from me is the need for both short term and long range planning, I strongly believe that the entire system will only benefit from such efforts. I commend these groups for their initiative and commitment and again hope that I may play a role as we help our children reach for the future.

Respectfully submitted  
Scott O. Kalter, Principal



Drawing by Hannah Humpal  
Grade 2

## School Support Staff

Ilsa Pinkson-Burke	Nurse
Dale O'Connor	Secretary
Scott Bogle	Custodian
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Norma Garcia	Lunch Manager
Jerylin Yeaton	Lunch Assistant
Mary Gilmore	Para – Lower Wing
Rebecca Prue	Para – Upper Wing
Lori Rees	Para – Title 1
Amanda Rogers	Para – Title 1
Ruth Moore	Para – Special Ed.
Cheryl Ryan	Para – Special-Ed.
Darleen Guillette	Para – Substitute
Ann Newbold	Para – Substitute
Susan Durant	Speech Therapist
Ann LeClair	Occupational Therapist

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## School Administrative Unit #6

Fokian Lafionatis	Interim Superintendent
Dr. John Caldon	Assistant Superintendent
Allen Damren	Business Administrator
Michael Harris	Director of Special Education
Ann Dieter	Assistant Business Administrator
Debra Lafko	Administrative Assistant
Carol Amell	Administrative Assistant
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Lynn Houghton	(part time) Administrative Assistant
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Dorothy Richmond	Payroll Clerk
Pamela Joslin	Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician

## HOT LUNCH REPORT

For the 1995–96 school year

During the 1995–96 school year a total of 20,804 lunches were served; for an average of 116 lunches per day. This total includes 16,862 full-priced lunches, 823 reduced-price lunches, and 2,188 free lunches. There were 931 adult lunches served. The lunch program also serves milk to students who bring their own lunch and to kindergarteners.

Lunch price remained the same this year, with the price of a child's lunch set at \$1.50 and an adult's lunch at \$2.50. The cost of a reduced-price lunch remained at \$0.40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norma Garcia.  
Lunch Manager



Drawing by Jessica Zekos – Grade 7

## SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

January 1996

I was the nurse at the Cornish Elementary School one day per week during the 1994-95 school year. There were 237 students enrolled.

Vision, hearing, weight, and blood pressure screenings were done on all students in grades one through eight.; and scoliosis (spine curvature) checks were done on the students in grades five through eight. Several referrals were made. Scalp infections for lice were done periodically and, once again, no major infestations occurred.

Immunization records were checked. Most children's records were found to be up to date. Remainders were sent with those children whose records were not up to date. The MMR booster vaccine, required of all students entering seventh grade, was administered at a free clinic offered here at the school.

This year the nurse's role expanded to include co-teaching (with Sande MacMaster) Health Education Adolescent Issues to grades five through eight. This required many hours of research, planning, material reviewing, and meetings with the School Board, and parents, to create a meaningful educational experience. From the feedback received, students found the program both informative and helpful. Health education in schools is essential to enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health.

Students and teachers are encouraged to use the nurse's office as a health resource center. I have a growing library of health related journals, articles, books, pamphlets, and videos which are available to all.

Even though the Cornish school community remains a relatively healthy one, the health care needs have increased. As the school population grows the number of children needing medical attention for chronic health conditions has also grown. Federal and State requirements increase and their fulfilling takes greater amounts of time. Greater burdens are placed on other staff as I am only available one day per week. This makes it difficult for them to do their jobs. By increasing the nurse's time at the school these problems could be alleviated. Once again, I enjoy the opportunity to work with your children.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Pinkson-Burke, RNC

## CORNISH PTO REPORT

The Cornish PTO began a new stage of growth and development in September 1995. In June 1995 the outgoing PTO Board could not find parents or teachers who felt they were able to take on board responsibilities. After numerous attempts to find new board members a reassessment of the Cornish PTO, and its mission statement, was recommended.

Principal Scott Kalter, parents, and teachers have been going through a process of reviewing, reorganizing, and reassessing the goals of the organization. Our hope is to have a clearer, and more unified purpose for the PTO by the end of the 1996 school year. We encourage anyone who is interested to please join us in this important work.

Prior to the commitment to restructure there were several fund-raisers for the 95-96 school year. They were: Cornish 1995 Fair (\$4,100); Gift Wrap Fund Raiser (\$2,000); and Chinaberry Books (\$350); for a total of \$6,350. The expenditures to date have been: the Hulbert Outdoor Program (\$1,700); and transportation to Hulbert (\$250). No further funds will be used until the reorganization of the PTO is completed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Robbins



## SCHOOL BUILDING PROBLEMS

February 1996

The *Building Maintenance Committee* of the Cornish elementary school is now completing its first year of operation. In February 1995 the School Board charged this committee with overseeing the timely maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds to assure the health and safety of all occupants and the most efficient use of taxpayer funds. The members of the committee are:

Richard Thompson – Chair  
Doug Freeland  
Jim Osterland

Scott Bogle  
Scott Kalter  
Michael Monette

During the year the committee oversaw the removal of the old underground oil tank, and the installation of a new, double-walled and monitored, 4000 gallon tank. An energy saving lighting upgrade was begun using Federal matching-grant funds. Clean out means were added to the septic system to alleviate the spring freeze-ups which have plagued the system in past years. It has been a pleasure to work with our new but highly experienced principal, Mr. Scott Kalter; as well as with our dedicated custodian Mr. Scott Bogle. With their help the committee was able to review the entire scope of physical plant needs and to construct a long term plan to meet them.

During the year a comprehensive evaluation of the school's heating/ventilating system was undertaken with the help of a professional engineer. The *direct-fired* design of the heating units which were installed in the new school wing (which opened in the fall of 1989) has been of considerable concern. These units were chosen after a public meeting voted to direct the school board to find a less-costly alternative to the system initially proposed. These units have proved to be:

- Unreliable and difficult to maintain
- Difficult and dangerous to get at for service
- Of questionable conceptual design for use in a school

The last of the above points requires some additional explanation. In a *direct-fired* unit the burning of the fuel (propane) takes place directly in the air stream which is subsequently circulated to the school rooms. The gas being breathed by the occupants is partly new fresh air (which is continuously added), partly recirculated air, and partly the combustion products from the burning of the fuel.

Under ideal conditions the fuel is completely burned leading to combustion products consisting only of carbon dioxide (which everyone normally breathes out from their lungs) and water vapor. Incomplete (faulty) combustion can lead to the production of carbon monoxide in addition. The latter is an extremely dangerous, odorless, poisonous gas. Even though the heating units are automatically monitored for proper combustion additional carbon monoxide detectors have been installed.

There are additional concerns. Vapors produced in the school from the purposeful use, or accidental release, of a chemical are recirculated through the combustion units where the burners may cause the production of dangerous gases. Also, and inevitably, fragmented plastics and human effluvia are picked up in the air streams and passed back through the combustion units. What is then produced is anyone's guess; and is, in any case, not monitored.

So far there has been no panic incident but the Board feels that the design is too risky for school use. This year's Warrant contains an article to raise and appropriate the money required to convert the *direct-fired* units to conventional hot-water heating units. **Please vote yes on this warrant item.**

Sincerely,  
Richard Thompson  
For the Board

## The Cornish School Lunch Program

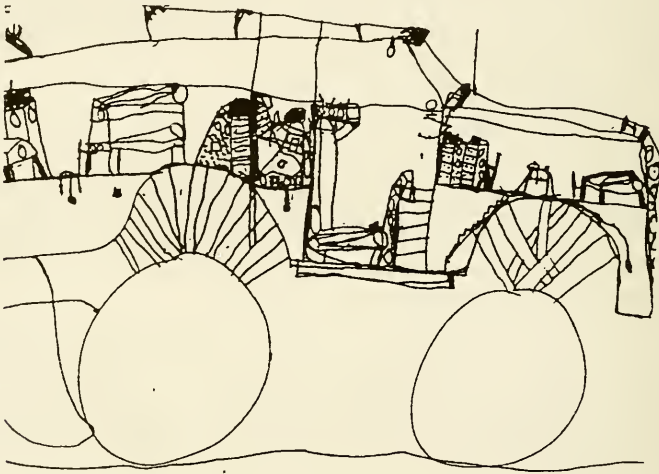
February 1996

The school lunch program for 1994-95 ended with a small surplus of \$2,030, reducing the accumulated program deficit from \$7,111 to \$5,081. School lunch programs within the state historically have generated small deficits and Cornish is no exception.

The good news regarding the surplus in 1994-95 is attributed to the hard work of Norma Garcia and Jerilyn Yeaton. With their combined efforts, I am hopeful that the Cornish school lunch program can continue to operate at close to break-even and that we can continue to offer this worthwhile program at reasonable costs.

Respectfully submitted

Allen R. Damren  
Business Administrator, SAU #6



Drawing by Timothy Wright  
Grade 4

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cornish Elementary School  
March 25, 1995

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 25, 1995, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Lois Fitts, Paul Rollins, Dale O'Connor, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors. Moderator George Edson swore in Kathryn Patterson as Assistant Moderator.

Moderator George Edson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, he opened the polls for voting on Article 1 by paper ballot. He then called the business meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence as tribute to District members who had passed away since the last meeting.

## Article I: (Election of Officers)

There were 190 ballots cast.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Terrie Scott** was elected to a three-year term with 76 votes. Dick Baril received 42 votes. Katy Dennis Pond received 24 votes. Curt Wyman Sr. received 41 votes.

**MODERATOR – George Edson** was elected to a one-year term with 175 votes.

**TREASURER – Shirley Bladen** was elected to a one-year term with 179 votes.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK – Kathryn Patterson** was elected to a one-year term with 179 votes.

## Article II: (Hearing of Reports)

Alan Penfold made the motion, seconded by Terrie Scott, that the District accept reports of agents, committees or officers chosen, as reported in the *228th Annual Report*, and pass any vote related thereto. The motion was **passed** by voice vote.

## Article III: (Main Budget)

Brenda Jordon **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,772,553 for the support of the schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The motion was **seconded** by Daniel Charland. Brenda then explained that this figure represents the General Fund total on page S25, the Federal Grant Fund total on page S26, and the Food Services Fund on page S26. The federal monies must be included in the total amount of money to be raised although only the General Fund amount impacts the property tax rate. She also stated that represented in the various salary lines was a 3.2% increase in salaries and stipends. She then gave an overview of the changes from last year with some of the increase going toward paying for three new positions: a half-time teacher in the upper wing; a half-time special education teacher; and a half-time kindergarten teacher.

During the section-by-section review of the budget, the athletic directors – Dick Proulx, Don LaClair, and Dan Moriarty – and the school librarian Kathi Patterson received a round of applause for their work for and dedication to the school.

Greg Levesque made **the motion to amend** the main motion to decrease the stated amount by \$40,000, to \$1,732,553. This motion to amend was seconded by David Kibbe and was **defeated by paper ballot with 137 votes cast: 46 – yes, 91 – no.** The **main motion** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,772,553 for the support of the schools ..... which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town was **passed by a standing vote.**

#### **Article IV: (Reserve Fund Expenditure)**

Ray Evans moved that the District vote to authorize the School Board to expend up to \$18,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the removal and replacement of the underground oil tank. The motion was seconded by Myron Kuhre and was **passed by a voice vote.**

#### **Article V: (Reserve Fund Expenditure)**

Richard Thompson moved that the District vote to authorize the School Board to expend up to \$10,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to be matched with an equal amount to be funded by the Institutional Energy Grant from the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services as an energy conservation measure to improve lighting. The motion was seconded by Peter Lynch.

Jim Osterland **amended the main motion** to add \$4,000 for a total of \$14,000. Peter Lynch seconded the amendment motion. The amendment has the approval of the School Board and would provide the funds necessary to upgrade the lighting in the gymnasium. **The motion to amend was passed** by voice vote. The amended main motion to expend up to \$14,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund ..... as an energy conservation measure to improve lighting **was passed** by voice vote.

#### **Article VI: (by petition)**

Polly Monette made the motion that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200 to purchase twenty-two (22) Alpha Smart keyboard processors. Nancy Newbold seconded the motion.

Alan Penfold moved to amend the main motion to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6,200 to purchase at least twenty-two (22) small battery-operated computers which have the ability to transfer files (i.e. - student's work) to the array of larger computers presently located in the library. Stu Hodgeman seconded. **The amendment passed** by a voice vote.

Karim Chichakly made the motion **to amend** the new main motion, seconded by Ginger Atwater, that the District raise and appropriate up to \$12,000 to outfit one classroom with computers and establish a computer committee to help select the computers. **The amended motion was defeated** by a voice vote.

**The new main motion** to see if the District will raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6,200 to purchase at least twenty-two (22) small, battery-operated computers,..... in the library was then **passed** by a voice vote.

#### **Article VII: (Legacies and Grants)**

Myron Kuhre **moved** that the District vote to authorize the School Board to accept any and all legacies, grants and subsidies to the District in trust or otherwise. After a **second** by Jill Edson it was **passed on a voice vote.**



### Article VIII: (Other Business)

Karim Chichakly made the motion that the School Board establish a computer committee. The motion was seconded by Peter Lynch and was passed by a voice vote.

Ray Evens asked that the District recognize Len Rudolph for his three years of service on the School Board, as he is retiring from that position. He received a round of applause.

Kay Kibbe spoke on behalf of the school bus drivers thanking Principal Rick Hamel for his speedy solutions to the parking lot problems. He received a round of applause.

Jim Lukash commended the School Board for their appointment of committees to help handle their workload and recommended they continue to do this.

Prue Dennis gave accolades to Brenda Jordan for her presentation of the budget. Brenda received a round of applause.

The motion to adjourn by Ruth Rollins, seconded by Bob Maslan, was voted in the affirmative on a voice vote at 1:45 p.m. The polls were closed at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were counted, and the results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

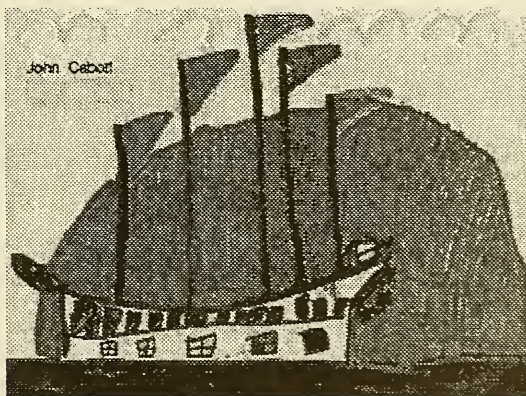
### Note of Clarification

May 30, 1995

As School District Clerk for the Town of Cornish, NH, I am responsible for recording the official minutes of the annual school district meeting. It has come to my attention that there is some confusion on the money appropriation made by the vote of the Town on Article V (Reserve Fund Expenditure) at its March 25, 1995, School District Meeting. It is my understanding that the total amount appropriated was \$28,000 – \$14,000 was to come from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$14,000 was the matching amount which was to be funded by the Institutional Energy Grant from the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services. In my opinion, the Town authorized the expenditure of \$28,000.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Drawing by David Pacetti  
Grade 5



Report  
**School District Treasurer**  
for the fiscal year July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995

Cash on hand July 1, 1991	(\$4,566.46)
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	1,428,001.00
Received from Foundation Aide	84,408.35
Received from School Building Aide	24,000.00
Received from Food Service Funds	39,095.82
Received from Capital Building Fund	24,978.75
Received from Federal Grant	56,087.13
Received from other sources	106,980.69
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$1,758,985.28</b>
Less School Board orders paid:	-\$1,729,565.05
<b>Cash on hand June 30, 1995:</b>	<b>\$295,420.23</b>

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**Special Endowment Funds**  
June 30, 1995 fund balances

James Farley Memorial Fund	\$3,828
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	6,801
Eberhardt Award	471
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	428
Glen Smith Sportsmanship Award	183
Harriet Runnals Memorial	950
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	6,830
Peg Densmore Memorial Fund	662
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Sports)	1,078
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Resource Room)	1,078
Science Discovery Fund	200
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,509</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Bladen  
School Treasurer

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**School Administrative Unit #6**  
Salaries/Cornish apportionment

	TOTAL SALARY		CORNISH SHARE	
	1994-95	1995-96	1994-95	1995-96
Superintendent	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$8,225	\$8,652
Assistant Superintendent	55,000	58,200	6,463	7,194
Business Administrator	55,000	55,000	6,463	6,798
Special Education Director	46,680	50,000	5,485	6,180

Note: In 1994-95 the Cornish share was 11.75%. In 1995-96 it was 12.36%

## CORNISH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

The Cornish School Building Fund is a result of the Capital Fund drive conducted during 1988 to help pay a portion of the cost of the addition to the school. The proceeds of the fund drive, and interest earned on those contributions, have been used to cover the interest payments to date and to purchase some additional items that were not covered in the original contract price.

### Reconciliation (January 3, 1996)

Total Pledges	\$357,376
Pledges Paid to Date	317,676
Percentage of Pledges Paid	89%
Pledges Remaining	\$39,700

<u>INCOME</u>	
Pledges Paid to Date	\$317,676
Interest Earned	29,972
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$347,648</b>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Interest Paid to Date	\$270,768
Equip. Purchases & Misc. Exp.	19,233
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$290,001</b>

Ledger Balance = \$347,648 - \$290,001 = \$57,647 Bank Balance (Savings 1/3/96)                      \$57,647
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Respectfully submitted,  
George L. Edson  
Fund Drive Chairman

### **Cornish School District Debt Payment Schedule**

(data taken from the 1995 Audit)

REQUIRED PAYMENT			
<u>Period</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1995 - 96	\$ 80,000	\$ 21,997	\$ 101,997
1996 -97	75,000	16,035	91,035
1997 -98	70,000	10,440	80,440
1998 -99	<u>70,000</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>75,220</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 295,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,692</b>	<b>\$ 348,692</b>

NOTE: The bank account of the School Building Fund presently contains more than enough money to cover all interest charges through June 1999.

**TENTATIVE 1996 SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**Cornish School District**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in the District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 23, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article I of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballots from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

**ARTICLE 1 (Election of District Officials)**

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer for a one-year term and to elect two members of the School Board, each for three years.

**ARTICLE II (Hearing of Reports)**

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

**ARTICLE III (Main Budget)**

To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,868,627) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for the payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectment the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$1,782,581 for the general fund, \$42,446 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for federal projects fund. The School Board recommends this article.

**ARTICLE IV (Heating System Improvement)**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,300 to improve the heating system. The school board recommends this article.

**ARTICLE V (Officers Salaries)**

To determine and fix the salaries of the school district officers as follows: school board member \$200 per member; school district treasurer \$200;



school district clerk \$30; school district moderator \$15. The school board recommends this article.

ARTICLE VI (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID CORNISH this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 1996.

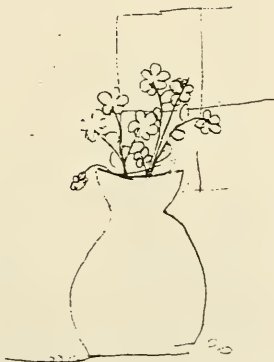
NOTE

This year the public hearing on the budget was scheduled for February 26. The deadline for the acceptance of material for this school district report was February 19. Consequently the above rendering of the 1996 School Warrant is not the legal warrant and has not been signed and attested by the school board. It is possible that further articles may be added, and the articles reproduced here may become changed.



Drawing by Shannon Gray  
Grade 7

Drawing by Audrey Rudolph  
Grade 4



## February 15 1996

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611 Supplies	631	485	450	450	0
631 Textbooks	0	159	250	450	200
741 New equipment	1,230	380	900	350	-550
					80.0
					-61.1
					36.2%
SPECIAL EDUCATION TOTALS:	\$77,959	\$85,935	\$102,481	\$139,538	\$37,057
Athletics					
108 Salaries	0	0	1,000	1,000	0
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	0	0	100	100	0
391 Referees	683	1,049	1,000	1,000	0
611 Supplies	-210	1,304	0	0	0
ATHLETICS TOTALS:	\$473	\$2,353	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0
					0%
Attendance and social work					
114 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0
					0%
Guidance					
129 Salaries	8,864	11,705	12,679	15,266	2,587
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	----	1,400	3,651	2,251
611 Supplies	10	82	296	250	-46
630 Textbooks	0	128	74	250	176
GUIDANCE TOTALS:	\$8,874	\$11,915	\$14,449	\$19,417	\$4,968
					34.4%
Health					
112 Salaries	1,994	3,190	3,834	10,842	7,008
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	----	400	1,002	602
611 Supplies	254	317	172	450	278
HEALTH TOTALS:	\$2,248	\$3,507	\$4,406	\$12,294	\$7,888
					179.0%
Library					
117 Salaries	9,571	12,348	14,700	16,467	1,767
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	----	----	1,800	1,924	124
611 Supplies	93	261	500	600	100
630 Books	1,953	2,358	2,300	3,000	700
640 Periodicals	490	402	407	500	93
660 Audio-visual supplies	234	723	745	745	0
741 Equipment	0	224	301	550	249
751 Furniture	0	614	540	100	-440
LIBRARY TOTALS:	\$12,341	\$16,930	\$21,293	\$23,886	\$2,593
					12.2%

Item	Description	Expended 1993-94	Expended 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97	[Col. 4 – Col. 3] \$ \$ %
(General Fund: page 3 of 5)						
School Board Services						
119	School board salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
271	Training and Development	0	259	250	250	0
300	Auditors	2,650	2,650	2,800	2,800	0
381	Legal services	3,016	4,207	3,000	3,000	0
383	Census	0	0	100	0	-100
384	Treasurer	300	0	200	200	0
385	District clerk	30	0	30	30	0
386	Moderator	15	0	15	15	0
387	Election Officials	171	689	400	400	0
551	Annual report	652	564	700	700	0
610	Supplies	274	0	300	300	0
811	NHSBA dues	2,166	1,934	2,000	2,144	144
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES TOTALS:		\$10,274	\$11,303	\$10,795	\$10,839	\$44 0.4%
School Administrative Unit #6						
351	Management services	\$62,170	\$64,498	\$66,543	\$74,755	\$8,212 12.3%
School Administration						
111	Salary - Principal	42,958	50,000	50,000	52,500	2,500 5.0
118	Salary - Admin. Assistant	12,240	13,731	13,884	15,132	1,248 9.0
118	Salary - Part time Secretarial				1,037	1,037
200	Payroll taxes & benefits	-----	-----	11,100	14,362	3,262 29.4
271	Staff development	415	491	400	400	0
532	Postage	368	587	400	400	0
541	Contracted services--advertising	1,822	2,513	750	1,000	250
552	Printing	443	294	600	800	200
582	In-district travel	417	681	450	550	100
611	Supplies	490	262	350	350	0
801	Principal's fund	0	136	100	1,000	900
811	Dues	362	18	400	450	50
892	Graduation	109	102	125	125	0
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TOTALS:		\$59,624	\$68,815	\$78,559	\$88,106	\$9,547 12.1%



Operation and Maintenance of Plant

115 Salaries	23,982	25,996	23,163	30,098	6,935	29.9
200 Payroll taxes & benefits	-----	-----	6,600	10,582	3,982	60.3
431 Rubbish removal	2,412	2,880	2,000	2,700	700	35.0
432 Lawn work	350	0	225	500	275	122.2
441 Repairs/Maintenance services	14,347	18,320	8,203	10,000	1,797	21.9
520 Property & Liability insurance	9,363	7,516	8,700	5,313	-3,387	-38.9
531 Telephone	2,823	3,278	3,000	3,100	100	
611 Supplies	3,498	1,327	3,500	3,500	0	
651 Natural gas	5,235	7,391	4,500	5,000	500	
652 Electricity	18,517	20,110	18,200	17,000	-1,200	-6.6
653 Fuel oil	8,505	3,579	4,000	4,350	350	
741 New equipment	433	232	1,500	850	-650	-43.3
742 Replacement equipment	345	38	1,800	450	-1,350	-75.0
OPER. & MAINT. OF PLANT TOTALS:	89,810	\$90,667	\$85,391	\$93,443	\$8,052	9.4%

Transportation

513 Elementary school transportation	\$43,699	\$49,500	\$50,985	\$52,515	1,530	3.0%
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Food service

111 Salaries	\$1,000	\$266	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	-100.0%
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Debt Service

830 Principal	80,000	80,000	80,000	75,000	-5,000	-6.2
840 Interest	33,923	27,960	21,998	16,035	-5,963	-27.1
DEBT SERVICE TOTALS:	\$113,923	\$107,960	\$101,998	\$91,035	-\$10,963	-10.8%

Interfund Transfers (out)

881 Transfer to Capital Reserve fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	25.0%
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TOTAL: ELEMENTARY SCH. COSTS:	\$1,033,323	\$1,093,046	\$1,148,204	\$1,242,447	\$94,243	8.2%
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Item	Description	Expended 1993-94	Expended 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
<b>High School</b>						
561	Tuition	478,948	496,219	523,379	528,134	0.9
568	Out of district tuition	0	0	12,000	12,000	0
HIGH SCHOOL TOTALS:		\$478,948	\$496,219	\$535,379	\$540,134	\$4,755 0.9%
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTALS:		\$1,512,271	\$1,589,265	\$1,683,583	\$1,782,581	\$98,998 5.9%

### CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE

General Fund - February 15, 1996

Description	Received 1993-94	Received 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
Tuition Income	0	7,602	0	0	0
Interest Income	1,368	1,159	1,400	1,000	-400
Other Local Revenue	2,933	5,530	15,500	1,000	-14,500 -93.5
Foundation Aid (State)	84,836	82,874	76,583	112,300	35,717 46.6
School Building Aid	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	0
Catastrophic Aid	10,045	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$123,182	\$120,965	\$117,483	\$138,300	-\$4,581 -4.4%
Transfer from Building Fund	33,923	27,960	21,998	16,035	-5,963 -27.1
From Capital Reserve Fund	22,550	0	32,000	0	0
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE:	\$179,655	\$148,925	\$171,481	\$154,335	-\$17,146 -10.0%

# NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

- A. The missing numbers in the category *Payroll Taxes and Benefits* in the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 is due to a change in accounting format which was instituted in 1995-96. Prior to this change the missing numbers were incorporated into other entries.
- B. The interest on the long term debt is paid from the Cornish School Building Fund and so does not affect the taxes imposed on the town. The last interest payment will occur in 1999 when the debt becomes fully paid. A detailed payment schedule is given immediately after the Building Fund Report.

TAX RATE IMPACT REPORT Cornish School District					
	Actual 1993-94	Actual 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$\$ %
Total School Appropriation	1,541,234	1,594,825	1,735,783	1,782,581	46,798 2.7
Plus Deficit Appropriation	0	11,008	0	0	0
Less Applied Non-tax Revenues	-179,655	-166,824	-171,481	-154,335	-17,146 -10.0%
Less Use of Fund Balance	0	0	-13,581	0	-13,581 -100.0
Less Block Grant (Shared Revenue)	-21,529	-22,544	-23,761	-23,761	0
Net Amount (To be raised by taxes)	<u>\$1,340,050</u>	<u>\$1,416,465</u>	<u>\$1,526,960</u>	<u>\$1,604,485</u>	<u>\$77,525 5.1%</u>
Assessed Valuation	\$82,077,928	\$81,741,458	\$82,571,737	\$82,571,737	0
Tax Rate (dollars/\$1000)	\$16.33	\$17.33	\$18.79	\$19.43	\$0.94 5.1%

**NOTE:** There is an unexplained problem with the figures given in the table above for the years 1994-95. The amount to be raised by taxes and the tax rate are both correct. However the non-tax revenue figure of \$166,824 differs from that given in the preceding Non-Tax Revenue Table by \$17,899. The deficit appropriation of \$11,008 is also correct

# CORNISH SCHOOL NON-TAX REVENUE REPORT

## Special Funds

Federal Grant Fund	Actual 1993-94	Actual 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97	[Col. 4 - Col. 3] \$
ECIA I & II	28,043	31,960	55,370	43,600	-11,770
FEDERAL GRANT TOTALS:	\$28,043	\$31,960	\$55,370	\$43,600	-11,770

## Food Service Fund

Federal Lunch Reimbursement	5,911	7,828	6,400	8,946	2,546
State Reimbursement	1,154	962	1,200	1,400	200
USDA Commodities	2,738	2,977	0	0	0
Lunch & Milk Sales	26,212	30,456	26,000	32,100	6,100
Other Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
From the General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
FOOD SERVICE TOTALS:	\$36,015	\$42,235	\$33,600	\$42,446	\$8,846

## FOOD SERVICE REPORT - Cornish School District

	Actual 1992-93	Actual 1993-94	Actual 1994-95	Budget 1995-96	Proposed 1996-97
Lunch & Milk Sales	21,802	26,212	30,456	26,000	32,100
Plus State Reimbursement	810	1,154	962	1,200	1,400
Plus Federal Reimbursement	6,148	5,911	7,828	6,400	8,946
Plus USDA Commodities	2,043	2,738	2,977	0	0
Less Food & milk Purchases	-13,873	-15,273	-18,778	-13,606	-18,000
Less Labor & Benefits	-16,291	-18,228	-21,399	-19,982	-22,931
Less Misc. Expenses	-651	-10	-16	-12	-3
Net Profit	-\$12	\$2,504	\$2,030	\$0	\$1,512



## ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL FUND REPORT

The preceding report on the General Fund (the main operating fund of the School District) contains the following information:

1. **The 1993–94 school year:** The books for this year were closed on June 30, 1994. The actual expenditures were reported in March 1995.
2. **The 1994–95 school year:** The books for this year were closed last June 30. The actual expenditures are published here for the first time.
3. **The current school year:** The books for this year will be closed on the approaching June 30. The budget adopted last March is reported here.
4. **The next school year:** The proposed expenditures for the next year.
5. **The funding changes:** The changes between the proposed budget and the current budget expressed in dollars and as a percentage (where appropriate).

### General Fund Revenues (from 1995 audit)

Revenue Source	1993-94			1994-95		
	Estimated	Actual	Variance	Estimated	Actual	Variance
Local Taxes	\$1,372,586	\$1,372,586	0	\$1,428,001	\$1,428,001	0
Tuition	0	0	0	0	7,602	7,602
Other Local Revenues	2,700	4,310	1,601	2,000	6,489	4,489
State Funds						
Foundation & Catastr. Aid	95,165	94,881	-284	82,874	82,874	0
School Building Aid	24,000	24,000	0	24,000	24,000	0
School Building Fund	33,923	33,923	0	27,960	27,960	0
Unreserved Fund Balance	0	0	0	29,990	29,990	0
Expendable Trust Fund	32,000	22,550	-9,450	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES:</b>	<b>\$1,560,374</b>	<b>\$1,552,241</b>	<b>-\$8,133</b>	<b>\$1,594,825</b>	<b>\$1,606,916</b>	<b>\$12,091</b>

### General Fund Expenditures + New Encumb. Funds – Old Encumb. Funds

Expenditure	1993-94			1994-95		
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Instruction						
Regular Education	\$1,055,482	\$1,029,354	-\$26,128	\$1,087,718	\$1,075,048	\$12,670
Special Education	94,072	77,959	-16,113	93,408	85,935	7,473
Other Instruction	1,000	473	-527	2,000	2,353	(353)
Supporting Services						
Guid./Health/Attendance	11,500	11,121	-379	15,652	15,421	231
Educational Supplies	12,325	12,341	16	16,349	16,930	(581)
School Board Charges	12,045	10,216	-1,829	12,745	11,303	1,442
SAU #6 Charges	62,170	62,170	0	64,498	64,498	0
School Administration Costs	58,428	59,624	1,196	61,277	68,815	(7,538)
Plant Operation	83,205	90,241	7,036	80,718	91,679	(10,961)
Transportation	42,216	43,699	1,483	49,500	49,500	0
Other Costs	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	266	734
Deficit Appropriation	11,008	0	-11,008	0	0	0
Debt Service						
Principal	80,000	80,000	0	80,000	80,000	0
Interest Charges	33,923	33,923	0	27,960	27,960	0
Funds Transferred Out						
School Building Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Funds	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$1,560,374</b>	<b>\$1,513,499</b>	<b>-\$46,253</b>	<b>\$1,594,825</b>	<b>\$1,591,708</b>	<b>\$3,117</b>

FICA etc. = FICA + W/C + U/C + Retirement  
Health etc. = Health Insur. + Dental Insur. + Life Insur.

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SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION (continued)

Name	Experience	SALARY		BENEFITS		COMPENSATION				
		1995-96	1996-97	% Incr.	FICA etc.	%	Health etc.	%	TOTAL	% Incr.
SPEECH THERAPY										
Durant	17.59/hr 22/wk 36 wks	13,931	13,931	0	1,258	9.0	0	0	15,189	9.0
GUIDANCE										
McMaster ( 60%)	MA 3y	12,153	15,266	25.6	1,374	9.0	2,277	14.9	18,917	39.7
NURSE										
Pinkson-Burke	15.85/hr 6/wk 38 wks	3,614								
Pinkson-Burke	15.85/hr 18/wk 38 wks		10,842	200.0	1,002	9.2	0	0	11,844	200
LIBRARIAN										
Patterson	10.52/hr 28/wk 38 wks	9,853	11,193	13.6	1,303	11.6	0	0	12,496	15.9
Patterson (20%)	BA 5y	5,038	5,274	4.7	621	11.8	0	0	5,895	3.2
NOON AIDE										
		1,350	0						0	
ATHLETICS										
		0	0						0	
ADMINISTRATION										
Principal	20y	50,000	52,500	5.0	6,489	12.4	5,878	11.2	64,867	--
O'Connor	291/wk 52 wks	13,884	15,132	9.0	1,900	12.6	0	0	17,032	9.4
new	6.40/hr 4.5/wk 36 wks		1,037		95	9.2	0	0	1,132	--
CUSTODIAN										
Bogle	11.22/hr 40/wk 52 wks	22,654	23,334	3.0	4,068	17.4	5,539	23.7	32,941	12.8
new	6.50/hr 20/wk 52 wks		6,760		962	14.2	13	0.2	7,735	--
GRAND TOTALS:		\$665,222	\$734,706	8.9	\$82,968	12.5	\$75,161	11.3	\$892,836	11.5

NOTES: A. Full benefits for Coolidge are grandfathered.  
B. The % increase in total compensation is based on the total compensation published in the 1995 Town Report.  
C. A 94-142 grant income of \$10,550 is expected to offset some of the Spec. Ed. Para. cost.

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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Members of the School Board  
Cornish School District  
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1995, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified as indicated therein, dated October 5, 1995.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Cornish School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District for the year ended June 30, 1995, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce



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to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general-purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School District. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

*Paul J. Maciej* *CPA*

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Professional Association

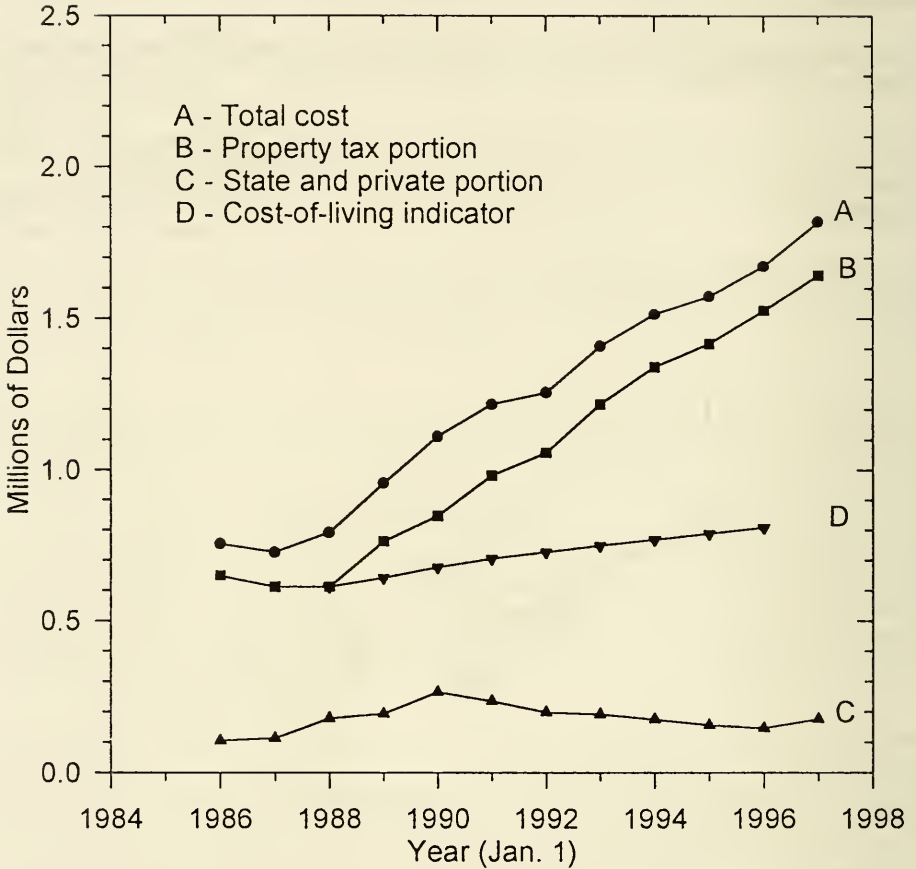
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## Cornish School Costs

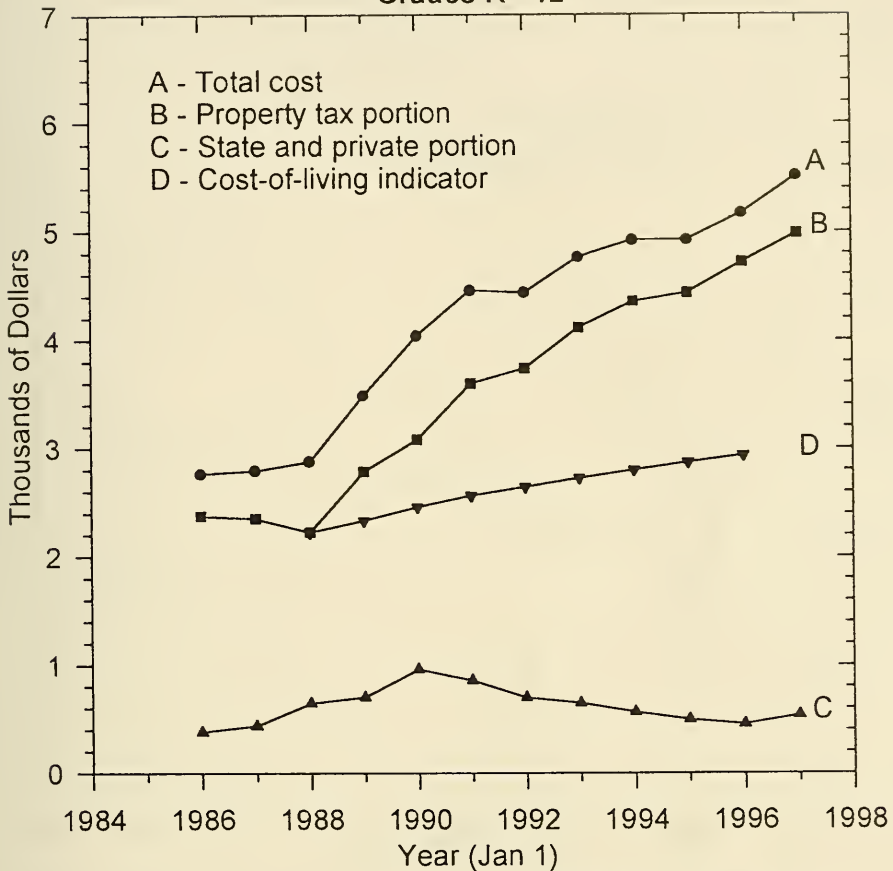
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# Cornish School Costs/Student

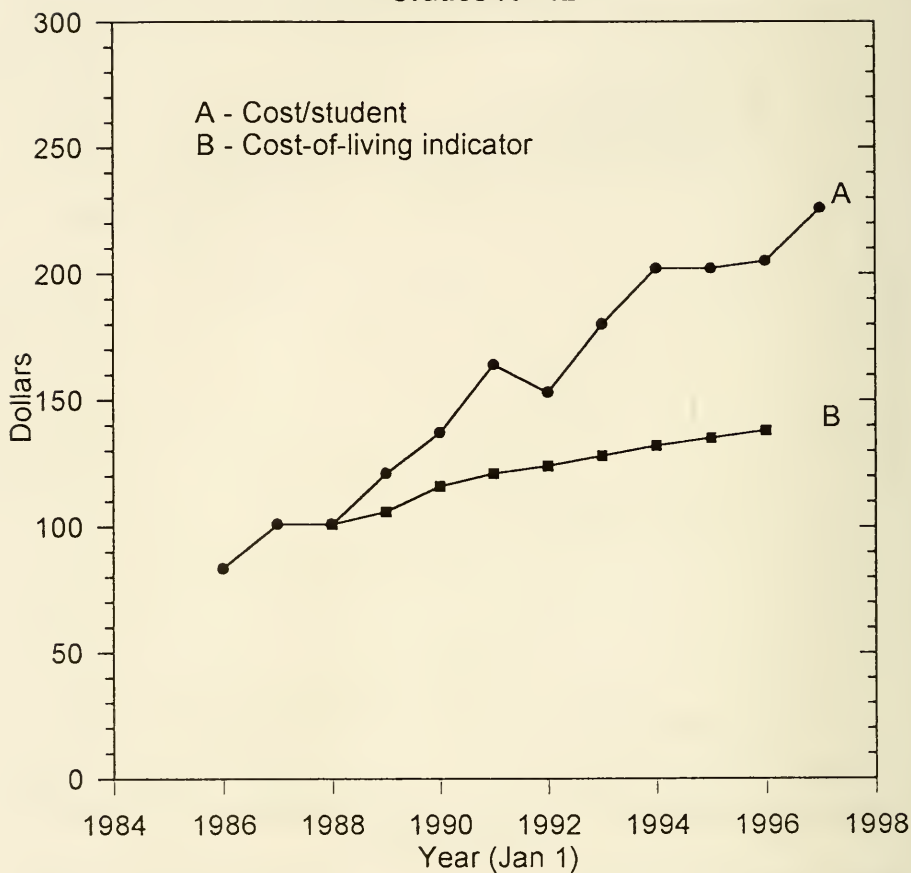
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## Cornish School SAU #6 Costs/Student

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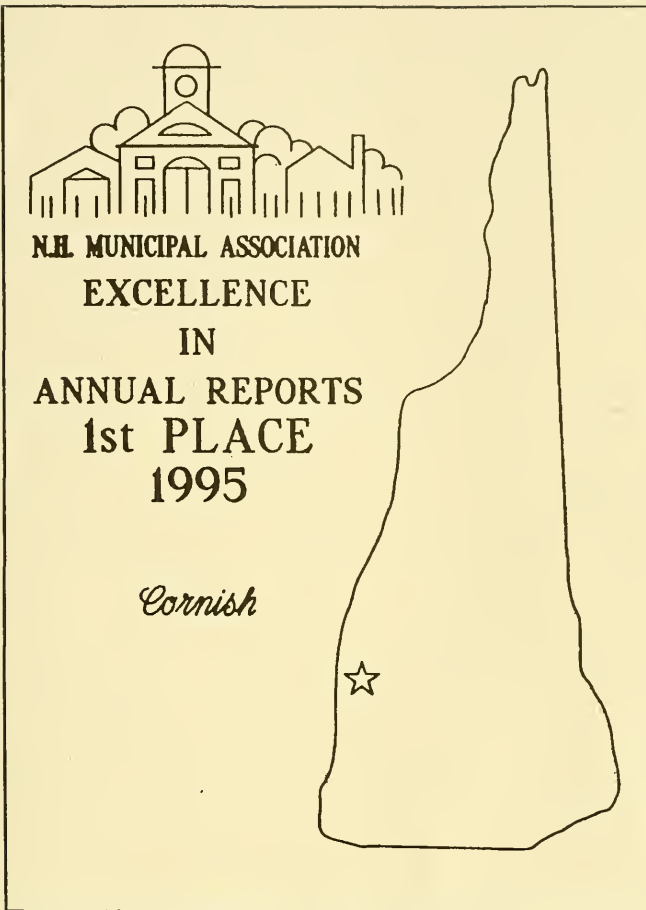


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# **TOWN OF CORNISH**

**WHO TO SEE ABOUT WHAT AND WHEN**

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## **SELECTMEN**

675-5611

Anne M. Hier, Secretary  
Fax - 675-5605

**Mondays 9-Noon**

Meet the public 10-Noon.

**Fridays 6:30 -8:30 p.m.**

Public Meeting

**Town Office open Monday – Thursday 9–12 a.m.**

Abatements (Property Tax)

Building Permits

Camping Permits

Current Use Applications

Elderly Tax Exemption

Intent to Cut Lumber

Minutes - Planning Board, Zoning Board

Conservation Commission

Pistol Permits

Property Tax Cards

Property Tax Maps

Raffle Permits

Septic Dig Approvals

Subdivision Applications

Transfer Station Tickets

Veterans Tax Exemption

Other Questions – See Selectmen

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## **TOWN CLERK**

675-5207

Reigh Rock

**Mondays 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.**

**Thursdays 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.**

**Fridays 9-Noon**

**Last Saturday of Month 9-Noon**

Burial Permits

Cemetery Records

Dog Licenses

Dredge and Fill Permits

Genealogy Information

Marriage Licenses

Motor Vehicle Permits

Transfer Station Tickets

Vital Statistics

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## **TAX COLLECTOR**

675-5221

Janet McFaul

**See Town Clerk Hours above.**

Property Tax

Yield Tax

Current Use Tax

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## **LIBRARY**

543-3644

Kate Freeland, Librarian

**Monday & Wednesday 3-5 p.m.**

**and 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Last Tuesday of Month 9-11 a.m.**

**Saturday 10-12 noon**

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## **POLICE**

543-0535

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## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE – 675-2295**

Martha Zoerheide